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HOUDINI'S "COME BACK."

A SEANCE.

GHOST HANDWRITING OF GREAT MAGICIAN.

WIFE'S TESTIMONY.

New York, Yesterday.
A magician with his bag of tricks has emerged victor over the countless mediums in having produced what Mrs. Harry Houdini declared was the best spiritualistic manifestation of her late husband she had ever seen.
Joseph Dunninger, the magician, undertook the experiment to disprove the spiritualistic claims of Nino Pecoraro, a self-styled medium, who had sought to bring to earth the spirit of the late magician and thereby win a \$21,000 prize offered by the magazine "Science and Invention."

Pecoraro's seance was given at the office of the publication recently, and the best he could do after five hours was reproduce a voice purporting to be Houdini's which seemed to have nothing of importance to say.

Luminous Ghost.
Dunninger, before the same audience of thirty some news-

ITALY & CHINA.

Nationalists' Power Contested.

Peking, To-day.
The Italian Minister's reply to Dr. C. T. Wang's note of July 1, dated July 11, states the Chinese Government has a right to ask for the revision of the treaty of 1866 under Article XXVI but contests the right of the Nationalist Government to declare the treaty abolished and no longer in force after June 30. Therefore the Italian Government makes a formal reservation of the rights derived from the treaty which Italy will continue to consider valid until substituted by a new treaty concluded by mutual consent.

"If meanwhile, the Chinese Government should not observe its obligations arising from the treaty my Government might feel bound to protect their interests and the interests of their nationals by such means as may it consider opportune."

[Note: Earlier cables on this subject will be found on page 3.]

paper men and women and under identical conditions, produced a luminous ghost resembling Houdini, a message in Houdini's handwriting, some snatches of oral conversation and a paraffin cast of an ectoplasmic hand which is to be examined for Houdini's fingerprints.

Mrs. Houdini declared the handwriting was "Harry's to the life" and the luminous portrait the best she had seen yet, although she had attended many seances in hope of receiving the code message her husband had given her and which he said he would try to transmit to her after death.

Dunninger was bound hands and feet, the knots sealed with wax and after being searched was placed behind a curtain. Then within twenty minutes writing appeared on cards and slates that had been left in view of the audience, a tamourine went sailing through the air and finger prints appeared on modelling wax.

Charles C. Davenport, Pecoraro's manager, after viewing the performance with astonishment, asserted Dunninger had mediumistic powers even if he didn't know it.

"That accusation," said Dunninger hotly, "is not true. I give you my word everything you have seen here is a put-up job, accomplished without a particle of aid from any superhuman sources whatsoever."—Associated Press.

SINGAPORE DOCK.

FIRST SECTION NOW AT PORT SAID.

Port Said, Yesterday.
The first section of the Singapore dock has arrived ahead of the scheduled time and awaits the arrival of the second section which is expected on Tuesday before passing through the Canal.—Reuter.

A MOTOR-BOAT DISASTER.

NINE DROWNED.

SAD FATALITY AFTER NORWEGIAN FUNERAL.

OVER-LOADED.

Bergen, Yesterday.
Conveying ten mourners home from a funeral an over-loaded motor-boat sank in Lyster Fjord. Nine were drowned, and one person swam ashore.—Reuter.

EGYPT'S POLITICS.

WAFD DEFIANCE OF GOVERNMENT.

PRIVATE HOUSE MEETING.

Cairo, Yesterday.
The Wafdist senators and deputies met in a private house last evening in defiance of the Government's decree forbidding such a meeting.

They passed a resolution declaring that Parliament still exists, and is entitled to meet according to the Constitution, and calling on the Government to resign.

According to the newspaper "Al-Balagh," the meeting was held, "notwithstanding police precautions, about five hundred yards from the Governorate." A resolution was passed that the decree issued on July 19 was a revolution against the constitution, and any legislation passed or foreign agreements concluded by the present Ministry were null and void.

Finally "the House was prorogued until November 17." After all the late members of Parliament present, numbering about two hundred, had signed the resolutions, all solemnly swore "to safeguard the constitution and defend it to the utmost till the last moment of my life."—Reuter.

"ITALIA" SURVIVORS.

ZAPPI'S VISIT TO MALMGREN'S MOTHER.

NOBILE DEPRESSED.

Copenhagen, Yesterday.
The railway coach containing the "Italia's" survivors arrived here at midnight aboard the ferry from Malmoe, and were greeted by the Italian Minister. No untoward incident occurred. The survivors were installed in the Italian Legation.

Zappi was not present, and it is believed that he has accompanied the Swede, Capt. Lundborgh (who rescued Nobile by air) on a visit to Professor Malmgren's mother at Stockholm. He will come on to Copenhagen to-night to rejoin his companions.

General Nobile, in an interview, said that he was physically fit, but unable to shake off a feeling of depression.
Cecconi, whose death was frequently misreported from the Arctic, was hobbling about on crutches with his foot bandaged. He was emphatic that Nobile was rightly the first to be taken off from the ice floe, as he was the most seriously ill.

The Czechoslovak Professor Behounek, who was one of the Vigiliers party, is going to Prague direct where, as all his scientific notes are intact, he will immediately begin a book upon the results of the expedition.

Prof. Malmgren's Mother.

Stockholm, Yesterday.
Zappi, accompanied by the Italian Consul-General, visited Professor Malmgren's mother and handed over her son's compass.

Zappi also handed Madame Malmgren a sealed package containing her son's belongings, which the latter had deposited with the "Citta di Milano."

Madame Malmgren's son-in-law, who was present, declared that both Madame Malmgren and himself were favourably impressed by Zappi's frankness and steadfast bearing during the conversation, which was chiefly devoted to the subject of Malmgren's separation from Zappi and Mariano.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald left London yesterday, accompanied by his three daughters, for Canada on a two months' holiday.—British Wireless Service.

FLAGSHIP'S NARROW ESCAPE.

BIG WATERSPOUT.

U.S.S. "PITTSBURGH" NEARLY HIT IN CHINA SEA.

CARGO BOAT STRUCK.

Shanghai, July 21.
The U.S.S. "Pittsburg" flagship of the Asiatic squadron, with Admiral Bristol and staff officers and several hundred sailors and marines aboard, narrowly escaped this afternoon being hit by a huge waterspout, one of the largest ever seen in the China sea, while the vessel was proceeding from Tsingtao to Shanghai.

The cruiser had just entered the mouth of the Yangtze about 1.30 this afternoon when the waterspout formed about five miles ahead of the boat.

The spout which stirred up a terrific commotion on the surface of the water, proceeded directly toward the "Pittsburg" but struck a large Japanese cargo which was directly forward, turning the cargo boat entirely around, following which the spout struck a large Chinese junk, demolishing the sails and superstructure of this craft.

Altered Course.

By slightly altering its course the "Pittsburg" missed the spout by a bare 300 yards, although the cruiser was subjected to a heavy wind which jumped from 3 knots to nearly 50 knots within a period of three minutes. The thermometer dropped 20 degrees and the barometer dropped one hundredths of an inch. The spout was fifty yards in diameter at the base at the water's surface and extended cone-wise upward until it had increased to 150 yards in diameter at the top touching the clouds.

When the spout was first observed the "Pittsburg's" crew hurriedly fastened down canvasses, preventing any damage from the deluge of rain which followed the passage of the waterspout.

The ship's photographer was enabled to make pictures of the phenomenon.

"HITTING BACK."

FRENCH VIEW OF AMERICA'S NEW TREATY.

DIRECTED AT JAPAN.

Paris, Yesterday.

Discussing the United States' attitude towards the Chinese Nationalist Government as revealed by the signing of the new Tariff Treaty, the "Temps" describes it as riposte directed against Japan.

The "Temps" adds that it is inadmissible that a revolutionary Power, not even officially recognised de jure, and whose authority is extremely doubtful, should claim the right to abrogate treaties on the ground that they are unfair.

Further, the "Temps" says: "Everyone agrees that it will be logical to revise existing treaties as soon as there is a stable, responsible Government, but the unregarded abandonment of guarantee of safeguarding the lives and property of foreigners is a totally different matter."—Reuter.

[Note: Cables anent the signing of the new China-America Commercial Treaty will be found on page 3.]

FLYING FINN IN FORM.

THE OLYMPIAD.

NURMI CREATES RECORD IN 10,000 METRES RACE.

THE FRENCH INCIDENT.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

The Olympic games opened on Saturday, when four events were decided. Nurmi, the "Flying Finn," captured the 10,000 metres race in 30 minutes 18.4/5 seconds, thus creating an Olympic record. A world's record was established.



The Flying Finn.
ed by John Kuck, of America, who putted the shot 52 feet 11.1/16 inches.

Details of finals follow:—
10,000 METRES.
Nurmi (Finland) 30 mins. 18.4/5 secs.

"GOAD OF PUBLIC OPINION."

Under the above heading the subject of the present water shortage is dealt with in our Leading Article on Page 7.

Ritoli (Finland).
Wide (Sweden).
Londgren (Sweden).
Mugbridge (Britain).
Ray (U.S.A.).
Nurmi won by 10 yards, and created an Olympic record.

WEIGHT LIFTING.

Heavyweight: Strassberger (Germany) 372 1/2 kilogrammes.
Light Heavyweight: Nosseir (Egypt) 355 kilogrammes.
Middleweight: Rover (France) 335 1/2 kilogrammes.
Featherweight: Andrysek (Austria) 287 1/2 kilogrammes.
Lightweight: Hilari (Germany) 322 1/2 kilogrammes.

PUTTING THE SHOT.

John Kuck (U.S.A.) 52ft 0.11/16 ins.
Herman Brix (U.S.A.) 15.75 metres.
Hirschfeld (Germany) 15.72 metres.
Kuck broke the world's record. Both Brix and Hirschfeld created Olympic records.

HIGH JUMP.

R. King (U.S.A.) 6 ft. 4 3/4 ins.
Hedges (U.S.A.) 6 ft. 3 1/2 ins.
Menard (France) 6 ft. 3 1/2 ins.
Osborn (U.S.A.) 6 ft. 3 ins.
Toribie (Philippines) 6 ft. 3 ins.
Kimura (Japan) 6 ft. 2 ins.

GAMES OPEN.

Amsterdam, Saturday.

In the Stadium which was

ANOTHER BIG FLIGHT STARTED.

16,000 MILES.

FROM LYMPNE TO CAPETOWN AND BACK.

SOUTH AFRICAN FLIER.

London, Yesterday.

Murdoch, a South African Air Force member, left Croydon in an Avro-Avian 30 horse power light plane, to attempt to fly to Capetown and back (16,000 miles) in 18 days.

Later.
Murdoch only flew to Lympne to-day, from which place he starts his flight proper on July 30.—Reuter.

THE AZORES.

AN AIRPORT MAY BE CONSTRUCTED.

Lisbon, Yesterday.

The Government has appointed a Commissioner to study the construction of an airport at the Azores.—Reuter.

thronged by a crowd of 40,000 spectators, the Prince Consort finally declared open the Ninth Olympiad. After rain throughout the night the clouds broke this morning, and sunshine lit up the gaily beflagged streets and stadium. The Prince Consort was tumultuously cheered as he took the salute to the strains of the Dutch National Anthem.

SENSATION.

The opening was marked by a sensation. When the parade of competitors, forming the cream of the world's manhood, marched past the Royal Box, it was found that the French competitors were not participating in the march.

Their absence was apparently due to a misunderstanding with the gatekeeper. The team was yesterday authorised to view the grounds, but the gatekeeper refused to admit them. A heated argument followed, during which the gatekeeper struck M. Mircamp, secretary of the French team. The Frenchmen immediately withdrew.

AN APOLOGY.

The Netherlands Olympic Committee, on hearing of the incident, apologised and the incident was believed to be closed.

However, when the French team arrived to participate in the march past the same gatekeeper was on duty and obstinately refused to admit them. The Frenchmen again withdrew, and the question has arisen of their refusing to participate in the Games.

SAME GATEKEEPER.

The French Olympic competitors, finding the same gatekeeper on duty to-day, though his dismissal had been promised, spontaneously decided not to participate in the march past.

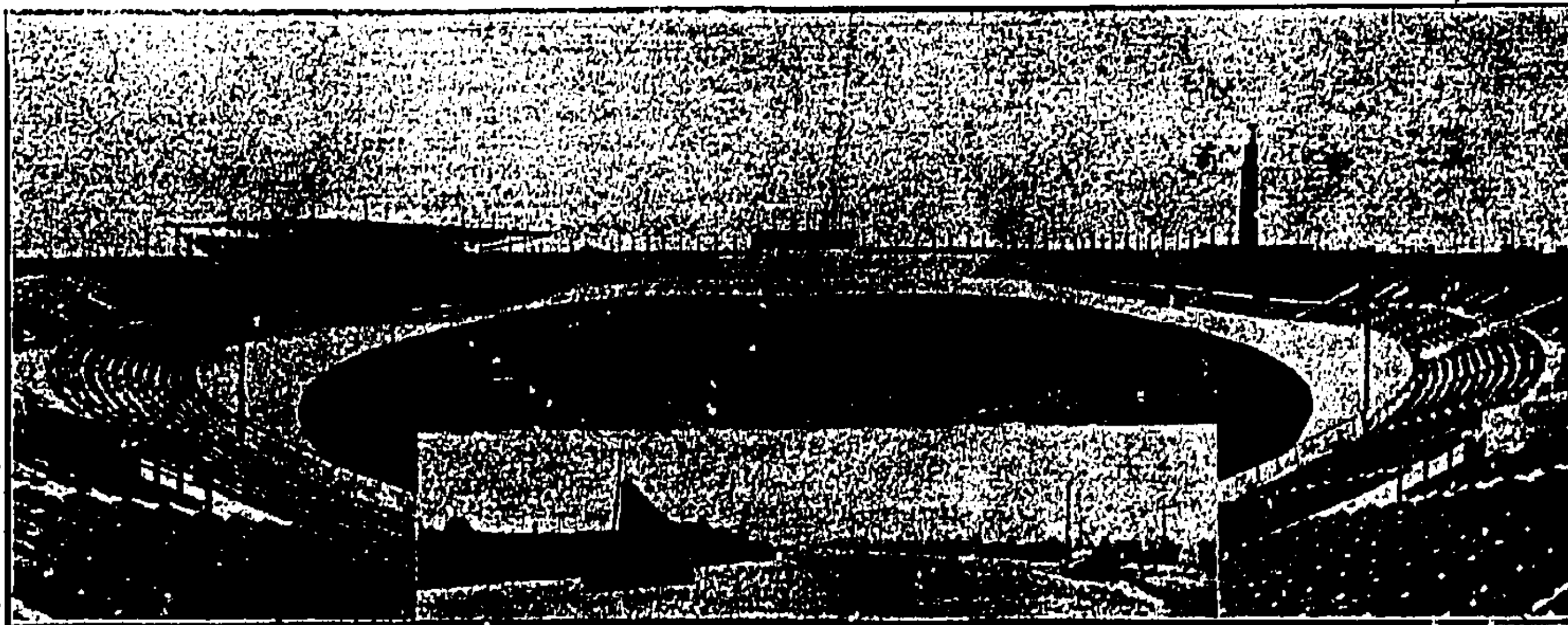
They have lodged an official protest, describing the incident as a gross insult. Meanwhile the French authorities are consulting with the French Minister to the Netherlands, before deciding as regards participation in the Games.

INCIDENT CLEARED UP.

The incident has been cleared up, and the French will participate in the Games.

Following the settlement the French team took the Olympic oath, which was taken by the other teams in the Stadium during the afternoon.

OLYMPIC GAMES START.



THE OLYMPIC STADIUM AT AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND.—General view of the huge Stadium opened on Saturday at Amsterdam. The picture inserted shows the part of the canal at Bloten, near Amsterdam, allotted for Olympic Boat Racing.—Latest results appear above.—(Sport and General).

AUSTRALIAN DANCE MANIA.

WORLD'S RECORDS.

YOUTH DANCES ALONG STREET FOR 14 1/2 MILES.

HOLDS UP TRAFFIC.

Sydney.—Grasping a girl firmly about the waist in the approved dancing position, Don Young, Marathon dancer, set out from Hurstville Post Office to dance along the roadways to Martin-place.

Before he had covered the 14 1/2 miles, police had taken his name seven times, when crowds gathered. At Bathurst-street he began to lean heavily on his partner. His trainer encouraged him. Prior to this, seven policemen had taken his name and address. The police, gazing after his shuffling figure as if they had seen a lunatic, had allowed him to proceed.

But at the Town Hall police were not satisfied with the explanation given by the crowd. They wanted a personal interview, so the dancer still held the girl and danced in small circles around two enormous policemen, explaining to them that he was doing it for a wager, and answering numerous questions. This

FAIR WEATHER.

S. winds, moderate; fair, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

Pressure is highest to the north-east of Japan, and relatively low over S. W. China. The typhoon is situated about 100 miles north of the Bonins, moving slowly north-eastward.

Manila warnings. 29d. 11h. 30m.—Cyclone or typhoon near or over Balaibany Channel filling up.

Manila warnings. 29d. 11h. 30m.—Typhoon in Lat. 26 deg. N. Long. 139 deg. E., recurring northeastward.

Shanghai warning. 29d. 16h. 45m.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 27 deg. N. 137 deg. E., moving N.E. Recd. 29d. 16h. 58m.

[All the above mentioned typhoons are moving away from the China Coast.]

delayed him by three minutes. The crowd chafed at the delay, and traffic was held up.

Cheering broke out as he neared Martin-place, and when he arrived, just to show them he was not exhausted, he tripped a few measures about the street and made off for refreshments, pursued along the street by a cheering crowd. He arrived at Martin-place at approximately 5.10 p.m., having danced 14 1/2 miles in 2 hours 58 minutes, which he claims is a world's record. The previous record, he said, was 2 hours 20 minutes for 12 miles, and he claims that his 14 1/2 miles in 2 hours 58 minutes is a record.

Endurance Effort.

West Maitland.—Clive Hall, of Katoomba, who started at quarter-past ten on Monday morning in the Catholic Hall, West Maitland, to break the world's endurance dancing record of 130 hours 21 minutes, passed the Australian record of 120 hours 15 minutes at eleven on the following Saturday morning, completing 122 hours, and at five o'clock he was going strong, and confident of lasting till quarter-past nine the same night, thus making a new record.

Millionaire Duke.

London, Yesterday.
Unsettled property valued, so far as at present can be ascertained, at £1,000,000 has been left by seventh Duke of Newcastle, who died on May 30.—British Wireless Service.

FROM THE COUNTRY.

DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD TO PAY ON FERRY.

Before Major C. Wilson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy this morning, a Chinese was charged with travelling on the Shamshui ferry launch without paying his fare. In admitting the charge, the defendant said that he had only just arrived from the country and did not know that he had to pay to travel on the ferry. He promised not to offend again. Inspector Bloor told the Magistrate that defendant's excuse was not good because he had been warned by the ferry people once or twice previously for the same thing. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$4.

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HONG KONG.

CHAMBER'S LIST.

Commercial inquiries, published by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce on July 28, comprise the following:—

Barbados firm enquires for brassware and seagrass furniture.

Messrs. Gehruder Brenner, Schopenstahl 20-21, Prinz Heinrich-Haus, Hamburg 1, desire to act as buyers on commission for a Hong Kong house.

Kobe firm desirous of importing manganese ore invites enquiries.

Exporter of port wine from Oporto seeks an agent in Hong Kong.

Rio de Janeiro firm desires to represent exporters of cassia, pepper, tea, silk tissues, etc.

Firms in Habana, Cuba, requires large quantities of Chinese hand fans.

Firm in Zanzibar desires to import mats, silk socks and handkerchiefs.

Belgian exporters of polished plate glass require an agent here.

Firm in Lima, Peru, desires to represent a Hong Kong Rice exporting house in that market.

Messrs. Tshu Sok Che, exporters of Swatow drawn-thread work, embroideries, etc., wish to get into touch with firms interested in exporting these goods abroad, Hong Kong, P. O. Box 665.

A Dutch firm desire to be put in touch with an agent in Hong Kong for the import of strawboards.

Messrs. W. H. Arnold, Young & Co., of Fullerton Iron Yard, Glasgow, desire to establish local connection for the sale of old iron and steel material such as plate cuttings, horse shoes.

A San Francisco firm requires a local agent for the sale of Californian products such as dried fruits, motor oil, fuel oil, gasoline, sardines and other Pacific coast canned fish as well as chemicals and other manufactures.

Purchasing Agent at Frankfurt, Am Main, wishes to represent Hong Kong firm in the sale of German goods, also Swiss, Czechoslovakian and Australian goods.

An enquiry has been received of interest to exporters of animal products such as hides, bones and hoofs; also leaves of hemp palm.

Messrs. M. Furuya & Co., No. 4, Motomachi-cho, Yokohama, importers and exporters of provisions, natural products, etc., wish to establish connection with local firms. They are particularly interested in the export of bean flour.

An enquiry has been received from firms engaged in the sale of mercury and pure saffron.

Messrs. Molina & Konishi Glass Works, 17, Nagara Nishidori Nichome, Osaka, Japan, seek an agent in Hong Kong.

STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
HONG KONG.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during July, 1928, standard time for the 120th meridian, East of Greenwich, is as follows:—

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
July	a.m.	p.m.
30	5.53	7.05
31	5.54	7.04

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E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 28th July, 1928.

CHINA AND THE U.S.

HOW THE NEW TREATY WAS
ARRANGED.

MAINLY ABOUT TARIFFS.

Peking, Saturday. It appears that the credit for the negotiation of the new Chinese-American Treaty belongs to Dr. C. C. Wu (Wu Chao-chu) who held a conversation with the United States Department at Washington after which he telegraphed to the Nationalist Finance Minister, Mr. T. V. Soong, in Peking, while the State Department telegraphed to the American Legation.

Mr. Soong then cabled to Nanking getting authority from the Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, to negotiate with full power.

Framed in Washington.

After this the procedure was only formal as it is believed that for all practical purposes, the Treaty was framed in Washington.—Reuter.

[Note: Dr. C. C. Wu was the first Foreign Minister appointed by the Nationalist Government of Nanking. Political opposition caused him and other Moderates to go on a mission abroad. In Singapore, an attempt was made on his life. He has been in America for a month or two. His famous father, the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang, was Minister to Washington.]

Later.

The Government Council in Nanking yesterday officially appointed Dr. C. C. Wu a plenipotentiary of the Nationalist Government to negotiate new commercial treaties with the United States.—Reuter.

Text of Treaty.

Nanking, Saturday.

While the official text of the Treaty signed by Mr. T. V. Soong and Mr. J. Van A. MacMurray is not yet available the Kuo Min news agency has been informed that it contains only two paragraphs, substantially as follow:—

The first clause provides that existing tariff rates on American imports and exports to and from China shall henceforth be declared null and void. A new tariff schedule to be drawn up on the principle of national tariff autonomy. China and America, however, will agree that there will be no discriminatory treatment accorded to their respective nationals as compared with that accorded to other nationals.

Effective in 1929.

They further agree that neither shall upon whatever pretext impose Customs duty, inland tax or any other levies on the imports and exports of nationals of the other contracting Power exceeding the rates paid by their own nationals or nationals of any other country.

The said Treaty shall be effective from Jan. 1, 1929, upon ratification by the Governments concerned before the aforesaid date. If by any chance ratification is not completed before Jan. 1, 1929, the Treaty shall be operative four months following the date of ratification.

The second clause specifies, in case of disagreement concerning interpretation, the English text of the Treaty will rule.—Reuter.

CHANGED COLOURS.

"NORTHERN" CRUISERS
TURN NATIONALIST.

CHINA'S BIGGEST WARSHIPS

Shanghai, Saturday.

The Kuo Min news agency (a Nationalist organisation) states that the cruisers "Haichi," "Hai-yung," "Haichow" and "Haisen," which had hitherto served the "Northern" Government, have declared their allegiance to the Nationalist Government and are proceeding to Shanghai to await orders from Nationalist Naval Headquarters in accordance with instructions from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.—Reuter.

[Note: These four are the biggest Chinese men-of-war. They were in Canton till 1922, under the forerunner of the Nationalist Party but returned North. As units in the Northern Fleet, some of them have visited Hong Kong.

The "Haichi" was launched by Armstrong's in 1897. She is 424 feet long, has 17,000 horse-power, armour 2.5 inches thick, a nominal speed of 24 knots; two 8 inch, ten 4.7 inch and other guns, five torpedo tubes above water, and is described as a second class steel-protected cruiser.

The other three are each 314 feet long, have 7,500 horse-power, nominal speed of 19.5 knots, three 15 centimetre, eight 10.5 centimetre and other guns, and one torpedo tube below water; 3 inches armour; and are known as third class steel protected cruisers. They were launched by Vulcan, Stettin, in 1898.]

CHINA'S TREATIES.

ITALY REPLIES TO NANKING
NOTE.

JAPAN STANDS FAST.

Shanghai, Saturday. Holding that the Treaty between China and Italy is still in force, Dr. Ramondino (the Italian Consular official) established a precedent in the Provisional Court this morning by ignoring the refusal of a Chinese judge to sit with him and dealing himself with a case which he remanded indefinitely.—Reuter.

[Note: Dr. Ramondino assented to staying out of Court on Friday before last when the Chinese judge informed him that the Nationalist Government had given instructions to that effect. The next day, however, he took his seat as usual.]

Legation's Reply.

Peking, Yesterday. The Italian Legation this morning handed Reuter a copy of the note which it had sent to the Nationalist Government on July 11 in reply to the Nationalist Government's note of July 1 with reference to China's abrogation of the Treaty.—Reuter.

Japan Admits.

Tokyo, Saturday. It is reliably reported that the Nationalist Government has approached Japan through the Minister at Tokyo, Mr. Wang Yung-pao, proposing suspension of the enforcement of temporary measures pending the conclusion of a new commercial treaty.

It is understood that the Japanese attitude, contending that China's abrogation of the Treaty is illegal, is unchanged.—Reuter.

Leaving Shanghai.

Peking, Saturday. Fifteen hundred men in the Japanese Expeditionary Force, from infantry, cavalry and artillery units, are leaving Tsingtao for Japan very shortly.—Reuter. [Note: The Japanese Government has ordered a part withdrawal as it is believed that the situation has improved. Tsingtao is the port of Shantung.]

GOING TO NANKING.

NATIONALIST LEADERS NOW
TRAVELLING.

Peking, Yesterday. After a week of conflicting reports about the Nationalist leaders' movements, (and some alarmist rumours of their cancelling the trip and the reasons therefor), General Yen Hsi-shan, Marshal Li Chai-sum and General Li Tsung-jen all left Peking last night for Nanking.—Reuter.

A Naval wireless message says that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has reached Chenglin on the Yangtze River.

Tientsin, Yesterday.

Mr. T. V. Soong left for Nanking on board the "Hsin Ming" last night.—Reuter.

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When Mr. D. T. Paul was station-master at Tharrawaddy, on the Burma Government Railway, in the year 1912, he graphically told how he had been rescued from malaria by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Seen again on the 24th February this year (1928) at Paungle, Burma, where he is now station-master, Mr. Paul reported himself as still in the best of health. Here are the facts of Mr. Paul's case, as originally recorded by himself sixteen years ago:—

"The malarial attacks used to start with a feeling of lassitude and pains in my back and lower limbs," said he. "Fits of shivering followed and left my body cold all over. Then my temperature would rise until perspiration simply poured out of me.

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"SOCIAL REASONS."

HUSBAND'S NEW LOVE AFTER
25 YEARS.

A remarkable letter written by a man to his wife after twenty-five years of marriage, in which he stated: "It is impossible even for social reasons for us to live together again," was read by Lord Merrivale in the Divorce Court, when he granted a decree nisi with costs to Mrs. Jessie Christina Young, of Widmore-road, Bromley, Kent, owing to the misconduct of her husband, Mr. Arthur Taylor Young, a solicitor, with a woman named Kate Perry.

Lord Merrivale said that at the beginning of the present decade the husband, a solicitor, changed his views concerning his wife, to whom he had been married for a quarter of a century, and said that he was in love with another woman. There was a separation, and in March this year Mr. Young wrote this letter:—

My Dear Jessie,—We have now been separated over four years, and it must be obvious to both of us by now that it is impossible even for social reasons for us to live together again.

The fault was wholly mine and I sincerely hope that no one has thought otherwise. I always have been and always shall be, sorry for the suffering it has given you, but as you must have inferred, I have another happiness.

It would, I think, be foolish and wrong for me to sacrifice the happiness of two people with no possible advantage to you or any one concerned. Like every one else, you must be impressed as I have by the observations of—[the name of a judge was omitted by Lord Merrivale] and the general public appearing in the Press.

Probably no two cases are exactly alike when seen from the inside. I am enclosing an hotel bill which will, for the first time as far as I know, put you in possession of the definite concrete facts, and enable you if you think right, to consult your solicitors.

You will understand that I must abstain from any conventional conclusion.—Arthur.

Lord Merrivale said: That "piece of humbug" was to have been the preliminary to a farce which was to have been produced in court in order to make it appear that this professional man resorted to an hotel with a prostitute, but the farce was not conducted.

AT MONTE CARLO.

SHIPOWNER'S STORY OF
£21,000 SWINDLE.

Edouard Louis, aged 56, a British subject, described as a commission agent, appeared at Bow-street on remand charged on an extradition warrant with obtaining money by false pretences in France.

The warrant was granted on the information of Sir Walter Herbert Cockerline, who is alleged to have been robbed of about £21,000 by a gang of international confidence tricksters while staying at Nice and Biarritz in 1921 or 1922. Louis was arrested at Southampton when about to embark for the United States.

Sir Walter Cockerline said that he was a shipowner living at Fley-road, Scarborough. He had a business at Trinity House-lane, Hull, and at St. Mary Axe, E.C. He identified Louis as a man who was introduced to him at Monte Carlo some five or six years ago as Watson by "another member of the gang" called Smyth.

Mr. Santerne, for the French Embassy, pointed out that there had already been proceedings by default in France in connection with the case.

Mr. Elwes, defending, applied for bail, and said that Louis had been freely in and out of the country for several years, and the police were in possession of his passport.

The magistrate refused to allow bail.

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NADDERA	16,088	17th Aug. 1st	Shanghai.
*KINDERPORE	5,283	30th Aug. 1st	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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MOREA	10,953	14th Sept. 1st	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	20th Sept. 1st	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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SCOTTISH SHIPYARDS

DECREASE IN LINER
TONNAGE.

SHIP-REPAIR WORK QUIET.

The output of new tonnage on the Clyde for the present month promises to be well up to the average of the preceding months of the year. Recently there were about 30,000 tons of new shipping launched on the river, says the Glasgow correspondent of "The Journal of Commerce" to hand.

This large output in one day includes, of course, the 20,000-ton C.P.R. liner at Clydebank, but apart from that vessel a fairly large amount of ordinary tramp tonnage has been launched, reflecting the activity which exists in the construction of new tonnage. It is understood, however, that there has been a considerable reduction in the total amount of tonnage under construction, and the publication next month of the quarterly returns is, therefore, awaited with great interest.

The launch of the C.P.R. liner "Duchess of Richmond" by Messrs. John Brown and Co. and the completion of the "Duchess of Atholl" by Messrs. Beardmore and Co. emphasise the fact that liner tonnage under construction on the Clyde is decreasing rapidly. During the early part of the year there were building four large Atlantic liners and several cross-Channel steamers for the passenger services of railway companies.

Now one of the Atlantic liners, the "Duchess of Bedford," has been on service for several weeks, the "Duchess of Atholl" is ready to take up service, and the "Duchess of Richmond" is fitting out, leaving only the "Duchess of Cornwall" on the stocks. Of the railway passenger steamers, three have been completed by Messrs. D. and W. Henderson, Midland and Scottish Railway Company. There are several liners in course of construction, which are designed to carry a number of passengers, but these vessels are mainly cargo liners.

Additional orders for large passenger ships are, therefore, urgently required by Clyde builders if the industry is to be maintained at its present state of activity. In this connection keen interest is being taken in the destination of the order for another passenger liner for the Canadian Pacific Company, for which tenders were invited some time ago. It is understood that an announcement may be expected shortly, probably early next month.

FIRST CLAN LINE MOTORSHIP.

The Greenock Dockyard Company have now completed the motorship "Clan Macdonald," which the firm launched in February last for Messrs. Cayzer, Irvine and Co. The vessel carried out successful preliminary trials on the Clyde a few days ago, and subsequently came up the river to Glasgow, where she was dry docked at Elderslie Dockyard.

The Macdonald is a notable vessel in several respects. Not only is she the first motorship built for the Clan Line, but she is also the first built on the Clyde for propulsion by Harland & W. double-acting internal-combustion engines. This machinery, which has been supplied by Messrs. J. G. Kincaid and Co., Greenock, consists of an eight-cylinder, four-cycle, double-acting engine of over 5,000 h.p.

The Greenock Dockyard Company have on hand for the Clan Line a larger vessel, which will be fitted with machinery of a similar type. This vessel is now nearing the launching stage, the order having been placed in December last.

The same builders have also in course of construction a third vessel for the Clan Line.

In this case, however, the vessel, which will be of about 10,700 tons deadweight, will not have internal-combustion engines, but will be fitted with the new combination of reciprocating engines and Bauer-Wach exhaust turbines. This vessel is still in the early stages of construction, the order having been placed only a couple of months ago. As already reported, the Clan Line are to have three of their existing vessels refitted with this type of machinery, and the work of removing the engines already in the vessels and installing the Bauer-Wach combinations will be carried out by Messrs. William Beardmore and Co.

SHIPYARD WAGES INCREASE.

Most people connected with the shipbuilding industry will endorse the remarks of Mr. Hugh M. Macmillan, of the Blythswood Shipbuilding Company, when he stated at a luncheon by his firm that he welcomed the increase of wages about to be made to shipyard workers. We could not hope, he added, to remain the workshop of the world if we did not pay our skilled artisans more than scavengers in our municipal services. It is a well-known fact that in Glasgow there are many employees in the Corporation service doing work which requires no particular training, who are "better paid than skilled men in the shipyards and engineering works," Mr.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B.I. s.s. "Talma" left Shimoda for this port on Thursday p.m., and is due here to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" is due at Hong Kong this afternoon and leaves for Manila to-morrow at 5 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benalder" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here on August 2.

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Canton	FOOSHING	Tues. 31st July at 5 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG	Mon. 8th Aug. at 3 p.m.
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Macmillan was careful to add, however, that so far as the actual position of shipbuilding is concerned he did not know of any justification for the increase, but he welcomed it all the same. The position of the skilled shipyard worker in that regard had not been good enough in the past few years, and although the present situation did not justify an advance, yet they had to face it.

REPAIR AND OVERHAUL WORK.

The lessening of activity at ship-repair establishments which we have noted during recent weeks is continued, and there is now great severity of repair contracts on the river. Except for one or two dockings, the publicly-owned basins have for the most part been vacant during the week.

For a few days Messrs. D. and W. Henderson had the Furness, Withy liner "Pacific Trader" in their dry dock at Govan, and during the earlier part of this week the sludge steamer "Dalmarnock," belonging to Glasgow Corporation, was undergoing overhaul in one of the Clyde Trust's basins at Govan.

An extensive overhaul of the Furness, Withy steamer "London Importer" is being carried out at Shieldhall by Messrs. Stephen and Sons, and the firm have some smaller jobs on hand at other parts of the harbour.

An interesting feature of the work on hand at the two establishments of Messrs. Barclay, Curle and Co. is that at each place they have an Ellerman City liner and a Donaldson liner in for repairs and alterations. At Elderslie Dockyard the firm have the "City of Baroda" at their repairing wharf and the Donaldson South American liner "Cornwall" in dock. The work on the latter vessel is nearing completion, and she is due to sail for the River Plate via Liverpool at the end of the month.

At their Clydeside Works, Messrs. Barclay, Curle and Co. are completing an extensive survey and overhaul of the Ellerman City liner "City of Winnipeg," which has been at the Clydeside works for several weeks. The firm are also carrying out repairs and alterations on the Donaldson liner "Moldavia," including the fitting of air-cooling shafts in the refrigerated cargo spaces of the vessel. Last week they completed damage repairs to the cargo steamer "Margot," one of the fleet of the Kay Steamship Company, of London, and they have also carried out some work on the Leith steamer "Shetland," belonging to Messrs. Currie and Co.

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[A telegram from Moscow dated July 26, stated:—

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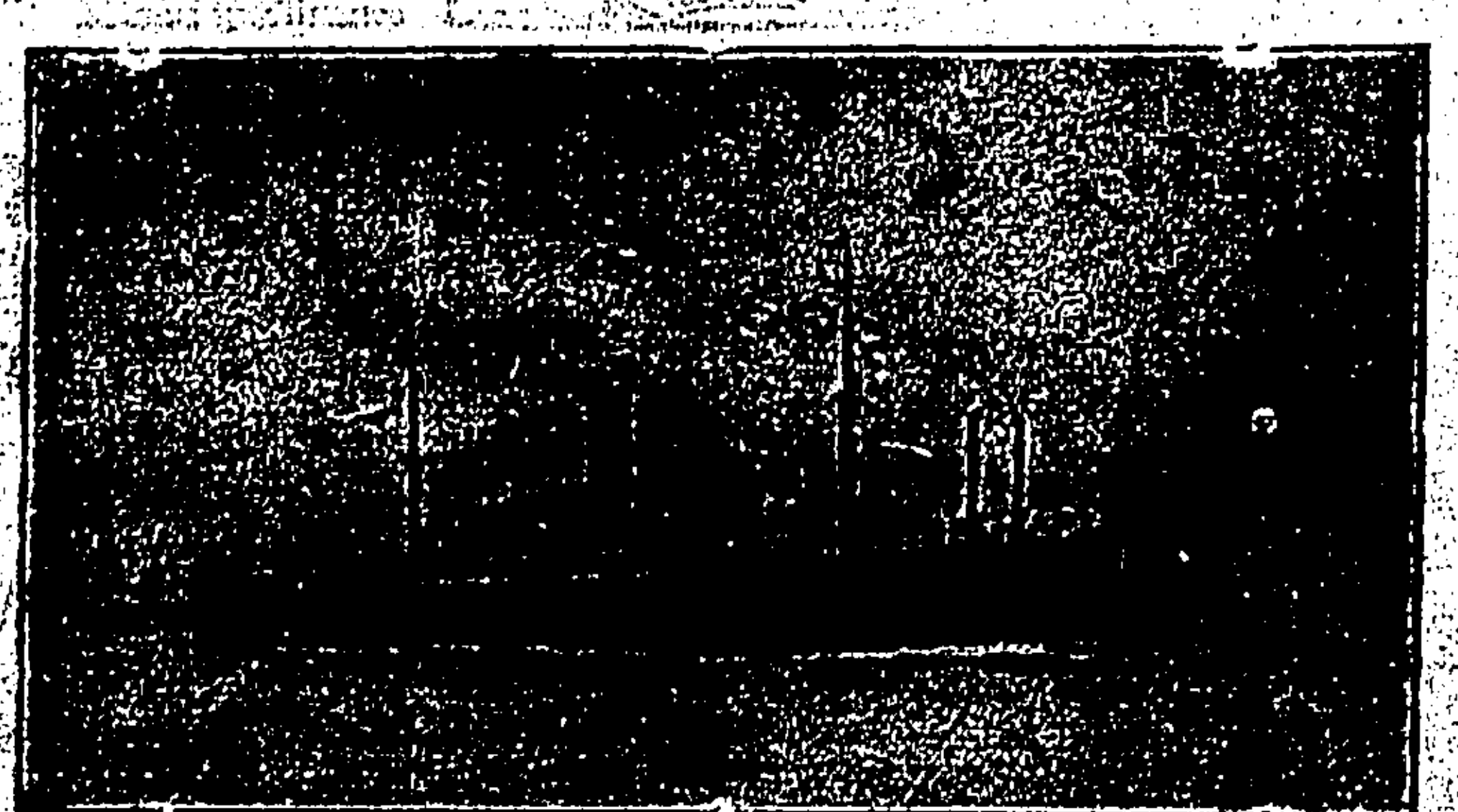
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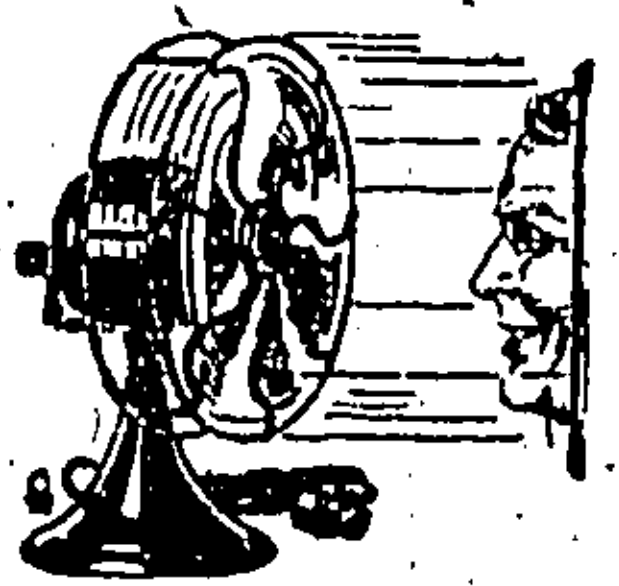
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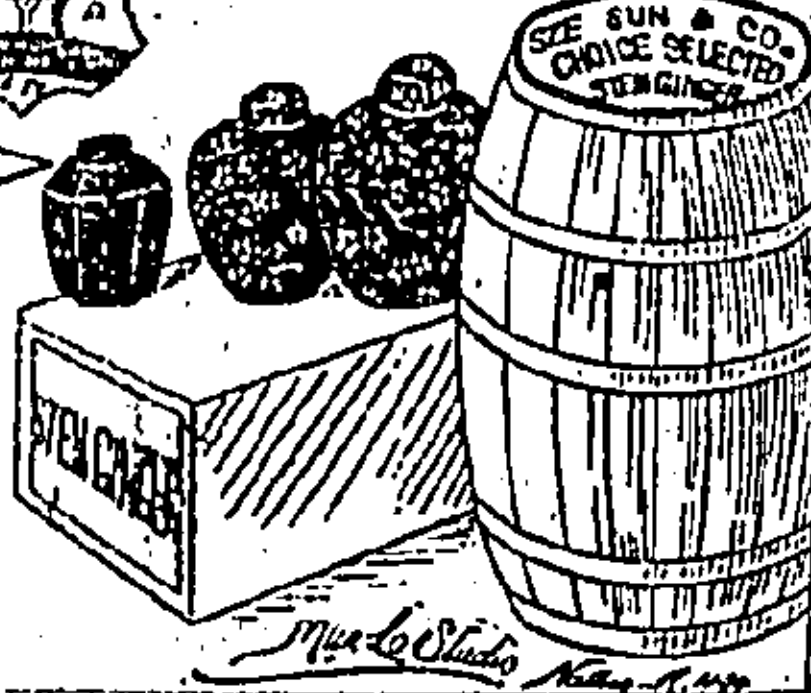
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Hong Kong, Monday, July 30, 1928.

GOAD OF PUBLIC OPINION.

There can be little doubt that the Government is as thoroughly sick of the mention of the water shortage as is the general public. Still, the Government have brought the trouble on their own shoulders and, whilst the public continue to suffer, there are small signs of repentance or redress on the part of officialdom. As our continued stand in the matter must have indicated, we are in complete sympathy with the remarks expressed in our senior morning contemporary this morning. There is a lot more to be said, however, in the way of explanation and amplification. At the moment the Government is in the unhealthy position of Nero, who fiddled, we are told, while Rome was burning. Nero, however, got out of the mess by committing suicide. The Government is toying with one scheme and then another; an official committee is considering which catchment plan shall be commenced first; meanwhile the water shortage is accentuated. We are not suggesting that the Government should, like Nero, commit suicide, but we are suggesting that they should do something which, to them, would appear drastic. This is, (a) put the Aberdeen scheme in hand forthwith, (b) complete the first part of the Shing Mun scheme and commence at once on the second part, (c) survey immediately other likely sites for water catchments and proceed with their installation at the earliest possible moment.

The matter of the water shortage has been played with long enough. People are losing patience. It is obvious to every-

body — except the Government, apparently — that the Shing Mun scheme is a grave necessity and that the Aberdeen scheme is one that will help to relieve the shortage. It is also obvious that there will have to be a pipeline of sorts across the harbour, as Kowloon is the only possible source of anything like an adequate supply for the island. Yet the Government jibs, ostensibly on the question of expense. The question of the water supply, we would remind the Government, is getting beyond the realm of dollars and cents. Before there is anything resembling an adequate water supply more money will have to be spent than the Government has ever cared to contemplate. No good can eventuate by wilfully dodging the issue.

When it becomes obvious to the Government that part one of the Shing Mun scheme must be completed and part two proceeded with without delay there is likely to be a further orgy of quibbling over the pipe-line proposition. Two schemes have already received official notice. One provides for a pipe along the bottom of the harbour at a cost of three lakhs of dollars. The other provides for a pipe embedded in concrete sunk in the harbour bottom, at a cost of two and a half million dollars. We do not look upon either scheme with favour. The former is a locally-formulated project, we understand; and, we would ask, who among our local engineers has had practical experience of pipe-laying under a large expanse of water? The construction of a pipe-line, provided we want the job done efficiently, is work for an expert. Where and who are our experts? The latter scheme is a costly one for a pipe-line and would involve a long wait for its completion. What we would like to see is the Harbour Tunnel so often advocated in these columns. This has got to come some time in the future as surely as an increased water supply has to come in a comparatively short while. Against the cost of the tunnel could be set off part of the cost of the proposed concrete-protected pipe-line, as an ordinary length of pipe, always in view and always capable of repair or enlargement, could be carried in the tunnel. If the Colony of Hong Kong is to maintain its growth and general state of development a more open and broadminded view on the part of officialdom, we submit, is essential. Whatever the Government does in regard to the water scandal it will have done

under the pressure of public opinion. Things have indeed reached a pretty poor level if the goad, through the medium of the Press or by way of public meetings and telegrams to the authorities at Home, has to be applied before any move for the benefit of the community is made.

For hawking wares without a licence, Wong Yau, a Chinese lad was fined \$2 at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The Harbour Master notifies that cable laying operations will take place between Hong Kong and Kowloon via Holt's Wharf on Tuesday, July 31.

Three Chinese youths were, this morning, at the Kowloon Magistracy charged with riding cycles on the wrong side of the road. Each was fined \$2.

Mrs. Gilbert A. Harriman and Master Paul Harriman, the wife and son of Mr. Harriman, the local stockbroker and jockey, arrived today by the Blue Funnel "Aeneas" and are now residing at Pokfulam.

A Chinese was fined \$15 with the alternative of 3 weeks' imprisonment at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for the theft of a pair of trousers from a flat in Canton-road. Defendant admitted the offence.

Four cargo boat masters and two mistresses were each fined \$10 by Commander J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, for mooring their boats within 100 yards from the shore at night time.

This morning Mr. R. E. Lindsell dismissed a summons against the Tai Tung Chinese distillery, who were charged with failing to keep a record of the amount of molasses they put into jars in the course of fermenting wine.

As a result of a fall down the stairway of No. 102, Praya East, a Chinese youth named Chan Cheng, eighteen years of age, succumbed at the Government Civil Hospital on Friday.

Mr. W. Schofield, at Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday ordered a banished to receive 20 strokes of the birch and ten months' hard labour while another was sentenced to nine months' for disobeying a deportation order.

Pleading that the wind had blown his light out, a Chinese youth appeared before Mr. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, in answer to a charge of riding without a lighted lamp. Accused was found "guilty" and fined \$5.

A 14-year-old Chinese boy, who threw stones at a young girl in Waterloo-road last Friday, was ordered by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, to receive five strokes of the cane and sign a bond for his future good behaviour.

A thief who stole one of the two missing stills from the Wong Wo Sun Distillery, No. 60, Cheung Sha Wan, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, by Mr. W. Schofield on Saturday. The thief pleaded guilty. The still has not yet been recovered.

A coolie employed at the Italian Convent, St. Francis-street, Wan-chai, was last night removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a cut across the right palm alleged to have been inflicted by another man, armed with a knife, in the course of a fight.

For snatching an ear-ring from an amah at the junction of Gascoigne and Chatham-roads, a stoker of the Star Ferry Company's "Northern Star," was sentenced to six months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the birch, by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Captain A. J. L. Whyte, R.E., hitherto Aide-de-Camp to H. E. the Governor and then to H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, leaves to-day for a brief holiday at Wei-hai-wei, North China, after successfully undergoing in the Victoria Hospital, the Peak, an operation for appendicitis.

Four months' hard labour was imposed on a Chinese for the theft of a gold bangle and a quantity of clothing from a house in Reclamation-street yesterday. It appears that the defendant gained admittance to the flat through an open window. Later, he was searched in the street, and being unable to give a satisfactory reply as to how he had obtained the articles he was detained by the police. Later, complainant reported the loss of the articles.

A Chinese has reported, to the Yau-mat Police, the disappearance of his wife with two children, and money and jewellery valued at \$164.

A Shaikwan Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, with wounding another Chinese by slashing him in the left arm with a chopper. In admitting the offence, defendant said that complainant had cheated in a game of Mah Jongg. Complainant denied the allegation. The Magistrate passed sentence of four weeks' hard labour, and ordered defendant to pay complainant \$10 as compensation or go to jail for another 14 days.

Chan To-kam, mistress of cargo boat No. 766-V of 300 piculs capacity, in a report to the Water Police, yesterday, stated that her craft was sunk in the harbour at 1.30 a.m., the same day. According to the woman there were on board the junk at the time one male member of the crew and four females. The junk was fully loaded with firewood, and was lying alongside the Yuen Yuen wharf off Connaught-road Central, when she suddenly sprang a leak and sank rapidly. The crew and the cargo were saved by other junks. Arrangements were now being made to re-float the sunken craft.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HEAVY COST OF LIVING.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—The present depression of trade and the increasing cost of living in the Colony has been the subject of the daily gossip everywhere.

The landlords have no commiseration towards their tenants by increasing the rents, thus adding more difficulties for those who draw small incomes, the public market taking advantage of making their profits are stubborn and stiff in the prices of food, firewood and even vegetables, fruits, etc.,

How can the poor class of people live in Hong Kong?

This reminds me, of the poor old servants of the Government, a number of them of an advanced age and invalided, drawing a meagre pension of less than \$2 or \$3 a day, they must necessarily be starving and full of worries! Can they enjoy their well-earned pension as usually expressed? Certainly and absolutely impossible for them to meet both ends. Those civil servants who are drawing fabulous salaries, house and personal allowances, they are being favoured with further increases. Why are the poor pensioners deprived of equal privilege and left behind in complete oblivion?

Justice makes no distinction, those who are more needy, ought to have more assistance. Cannot the Government take this matter in hand and see justice be done to those who deserve? We hope that the Government will have a compassionate view in this emergent matter.

Yours, etc.,

JUSTITIA.

Hong Kong, July 29, 1928.

PARADISE FOR TWO?

LIVELY COMIC AT THE QUEEN'S.

"Paradise for Two," which started at the Queen's Theatre yesterday and will continue until to-morrow, is an appealing, fast moving picture of the present generation, in which romance and comedy are well blended, and the story retains one's attention from the first to the last flicker of the film.

Richard Dix and Betty Beranger have the leading roles, and they sustain their parts with a naturalness which is refreshing.

The story centres on Steve Porter (Richard Dix) a well-to-do young man who never "looks at women" and spends most of his time playing poker at the Club, only returning home when he needs a new shirt. The few times he does come home, however, he always gets a "kick" out of the antics of a budding actress practising her part. Steve could only see the girl's shadow against the blind of her "diggings" across the way from his own bed room window, but soon began to look forward to the "shadow show" each night. Then Steve's rich uncle suddenly reminded him one day that he had two more days in which to get married and secure his share of the family fortune, which would otherwise be forfeited. Steve enlisted the aid of his friend Maurice a theatrical agent to secure a girl to pass off as his wife until he had received the money. By a trick of fate the "shadow on the blind" girl, the only one that ever interested Steve, was introduced by Maurice. Then the fun starts, culminating in the couple falling in love with each other.

Alexandria, July 28.—It is officially announced that the Government is not selling its stock of cotton this year.—Reuter.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Young Girl: "Mother, what did you do when a boy first kissed you?"
Mother: "Never mind."
Young Girl (later): "I did the same thing, mother."

Circus manager: "You want to speak to the Hindu Mystic, miss?"
Fair Visitor: "Yes. Tell her it's her sister, Bridgett."

Mistress: "Did anyone call while I was out?"
New Girl: "Yes, ma'am; Mrs. Rogers called."

"Did she seem disappointed when you said I was not at home?"
"Well, she did look a little queer, but I told her she needn't get in a temper about it, 'cause it was really true this time."

"Run to the corner shop," said Frankie's mother, "and ask old Skinfint if I can have a loaf until Saturday."

Frankie ran off and came back a few minutes later without the loaf.

"Well," inquired the boy's mother, "what did he say?"

"Nothing," said Frankie. "All he did was to point to a clock which had stopped."

The Stranger was wandering through a little Western settlement far from civilisation; he had come from the big metropolis to seek a friend, so he tackled a grim-looking inhabitant outside a log-saloon.

"Do you know Mike McCarthy?" asked he. "He came out here twelve months ago thinking he might get a good post on the railroad."

"Well," replied the other, slowly, "he didn't get on the rail-road—but he got a darned good post on the telegraph—they left him angling for quite three days!"

A couple had been married just long enough for the novelty to have worn off, and the girl was beginning to find her feet, as her mother would undoubtedly have put it.

"Before we were married," George, she complained, "you always took a taxi, but now the bus seems good enough. In fact, anything is good enough for me."

Her husband frowned, for he seemed to be in rather a difficult fix.

"No darling," he murmured, "don't think that. You see I'm so proud of you, and if I took you in a cab there would be nobody to see you, whereas I can show you off to dozens in the bus!"

"Alas and alack!" sighed the romantic Mrs. Oldwad, as she perused the last lines of "The Scarlet Pimpernel." "The days of chivalry are surely gone! In this lovely book, George, the hero falls in love with the heroine at first sight and then waits ten years for her."

"What of it?" pooh-poohed George. "Can't I say more? Can't I say I waited twenty years for you?"

"Twenty years!" gasped Mrs. Oldwad. "Why, we've been married twenty-one and I accepted you straight off!"

"I know," retorted George. "But I've waited about three years for you to get your gloves on, about four years for you to change your hat and about five years while you said just one last word to the cook. I've waited upstairs, I've waited downstairs, I've waited in the theatre, I've waited in cabs, omnibuses, taxis, and motor-cars. I've waited so long and so regularly that, between you and me, that hero of yours strikes me as a miserable, impatient, little rotter."

He: "You look sweet enough to eat!"

She: "I do eat. Where shall we go?"

Parson: "And you say you are comfortable in prison?"

Convict 99: "Yes; now I don't have to get up in the middle of the night to see if the door is locked."

A foundry foreman said to applicant for a job: "What have you done before, and what wages did you get?" Applicant: "I was a milkman, and they used to pay me 25s a week and me milk." Foreman: "Right ho. You might be useful. Come along in, and we'll give you thirty bob a week an' wear you into the bargain."

Mias Gibson was very rich, and Mr. Hanna was very poor. She liked him, but that was all, and he was well aware of the fact. One evening he grew somewhat tender, and at last he said: "You are very rich, aren't you, Helen?"

"Yes, Tom," replied the girl frankly, "I am worth about two million dollars."

"Will you marry me, Helen?"

"Oh, no, Tom, I couldn't."

"I knew you wouldn't."

"Then why did you ask me?"

"Just to see how a man felt who had just lost two million dollars."

"Tennessee Tar."

HONG KONG CLEAR.

ABSENCE OF COMMUNIST
PROPAGANDA.

RED AGENTS QUARREL.

Dissension in the ranks of Communist agents and agitators has resulted in Hong Kong having been singularly free from some considerable time from the activities of propagandists who previously tried to stir up trouble.

Information points to the Chinese Reds in the South having quarrelled with their former Russian colleagues on the choice of time to launch a counter-attack against the Canton Government.

Although a comparatively small number of Soviet parasites are suspected of having drifted back into the seclusion of neighbouring ports, it is felt that the possibility of immediate outbreak is exceedingly remote.

Propaganda First.

Contact has been maintained between some of the Russians who were ordered to leave China and their Chinese friends.

For reasons best known to themselves, the Russians advocated no action until the moment was opportune. They pointed to the failure of the rising in Canton last December as being proof of the futility of striking before the propaganda side of the campaign is complete.

The Chinese Communists were eager to make another bid for power. They wanted to come out at the beginning of this month, just about the time of harvesting the rice crop in many districts in Kwangtung. Their argument was that if the crops were ruined, more farmers and farm hands would be forced to join the cause.

On the other hand, the Russians—a number of whom are said to be in hiding in Canton city, Swatow and elsewhere—felt that they would lose sympathy among the agriculturists if they spoiled the crops.

Last Raid Here.

At any rate, it is learned that the Chinese agents of the Communist Party are drifting away from the handful of Russian agitators and, accordingly, the danger of an immediate outbreak is exceedingly remote.

Not since the raid on premises in Percival-street, at East Point, have the Hong Kong Police come into any sensational literature to speak of. A Chinese woman, who has been working as a domestic servant in a non-Chinese family for some time, was suspected of being a carrier. She was watched but nothing transpired. The absence of activities, in Hong Kong is taken to indicate that the Reds are lying low elsewhere, and not having to pass through the Colony or seek refuge here.

Raid in Shanghai.

A cable to the "Yin Tseung Po" (which at present lacks confirmation) states that about 1 a.m. on the night of July 28-29, armed police raided a Communist rendezvous in Shanghai when a secret meeting was in progress. The premises were searched, resulting in a large quantity of Communist documents being seized and seven Chinese and two Russians arrested. Mr. Wang Ching-wai (the Nationalist Leftist leader), it is understood, was at the conference, but owing to indisposition he retired shortly before the arrival of the police.

Among the arrested men are said to be Fung Ping-shan (a notorious Chinese Communist), Pang Pui (Hofung and Lukfung Red chief), Chan Kung-poh and Koo Meng-yu. Of the arrested Russians, one is rumoured to be Borodin, the cable concludes.

MINDEN DAY.

BORDERERS' CELEBRATIONS
ON WEDNESDAY.

Minden Day, the anniversary of the Battle of Minden in Westphalia, Prussia, will be celebrated by the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers on Wednesday, August 1.

Every man of the Battalion will wear a rose in his helmet in commemoration of the Battle in which the Borderers took part with honour.

The celebrations will take the form of swimming sports and a gala at the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club beach in the afternoon. In the evening there will be Highland Dancing, the venue of which, according to present information, will most probably be the Murray Parade Ground.

We have received the monthly magazine "The Rock". The current number comprises excellent reading and beautiful illustrations of St. Margaret's Church (Happy Valley) and of the Ordinations which took place recently at Peking, where the Bishop of that district administered Orders to eleven students, of which two were raised to the priesthood. The articles in the number are also well worth reading.

VIOLENT CRIMES.

TWO NOTORIOUS OFFENDERS
DEPORTED.

PIRACIES AND A MURDER.

How the long arm of the law has encompassed two notorious men of the underworld is described in remarkable narratives given below of a series of violent crimes.

One man, who was deported from Hong Kong on Friday, is not more than 30 years of age, but he is known to have taken an actual part in several piracies and it is alleged against him that he openly boasted of having financed the attack on the "Teau" in May.

The other is a little older. He has been banished after the Police had withdrawn a charge of murder against him. Fortunately for him, witnesses were not available to prove that he instigated years ago the murder in Yumati of a rival who stole contraband worth \$20,000.

LIVED AT BIAS BAY.

The deportee who made piracy a profession was known as Cheng Lap-ting but he had several aliases. He is a native of the Hakka district of Tai Pang but he was brought up in a village near Bias Bay.

Speaking the Cantonese dialect fluently, he has considerable influence in political and military spheres. In fact, it is known that the magistrate of the Po On district (adjoining the New Territory), from his yamen at Namtau, wrote to Hong Kong to vouch for his bonafides, as did a military officer in the same district.

On the other hand, the gentry of Po On were persistent in their accusations of Cheng Lap-ting.

EX-POLICE OFFICER.

He was arrested in Hong Kong some time ago, in a hotel (it is believed) and he maintained that he was waiting passage to Po On. His story is that he had previously held a police appointment on the other side of the British frontier but had been dismissed when a rival faction came into power. This seems to be true. At any rate, he claimed to be on his way to take up another appointment as a police officer. The impression of the people who were to be in his charge was highly unfavourable.

The name of the first ship which he is alleged to have taken part in robbing is given as the "Shing Ming". Then there was the British s.s. "Seang Bee" in January, 1927, when the gang got away at Bias Bay with \$100,000. There followed the piracy of and murder on board the Norwegian s.s. "Solviken" a year ago. In both of these piracies his name was mentioned at the time of the occurrence.

SPIRITED REPRESENTATIONS.

Subsequently, inquiries led to information that he had, outside the Colony, boasted to confederates about having financed the piracy of the British s.s. "Teau" at Hoihow, the exploit ending in the outlaws hurrying ashore, also at Bias Bay, with \$8,000 loot, pursued by landing parties from a Chinese Customs cruiser and H.M.S. "Somme".

Considerable stir was caused by the official and non-official classes making such spirited representations to Hong Kong. The accusations prevailed and Cheng Lap-ting was placed on the Namtau ferry on Saturday under an order of banishment.

SMUGGLER THIEF.

Sequel to Murder in a
Ten-House.

A curious tale of bullies in the smuggling world is told in connection with the murder story.

Chan Chee-nam, who was deported after having been in Police custody more than once and a fugitive from justice at least once, was actually brought before a Police Magistrate on a charge of murder committed a good many years ago.

After a week's formal remand, the Police withdrew the case because they could not trace an eye-witness of the fatal attack in a Yumati ten-house, whose statement had been recorded at the time. Extensive inquiries were made both in the Colony and in Canton but the man, said to have been a waiter, could not be found. The Police adopted the only alternative—banishment proceedings.

PLAYED FALSE.

Chan Chee-nam's punishment followed a coincidence. A man who was suspected of having been one of the assassins was arrested on the day of the murder of Mr. Lee Iy-san, the local millionaire, a few months ago. In making a thorough comb-out, the Police came across a man whose name was known to them. His detention led to Chan Chee-nam being arrested as well. The deceased is believed to have been a member of a gang of smug-

STOWAWAYS.

CHINESE WHO WANTED TO GO
TO FRANCE.

A NEW EXCUSE.

At the Kowloon Magistracy, on Saturday, four Northern Chinese were charged before Mr. W. Scheffeld with stowing-away from Shanghai to Hong Kong on board the s.s. "Coblentz". They claimed that they had given \$150 each to friends for the purchase of passage tickets to France, but the friends left the ship before its departure and were not seen again. "According to a ship's officer, the men were formerly employed on the ship and were paid off on arrival at Shanghai. They were discovered in the firemen's quarters on the day following the vessel's departure from Shanghai. Fines of \$25 each, or, in default, three weeks' hard labour were imposed.

OPEN-AIR CONCERT.

K. O. S. B.'S BAND ENTERTAIN
KOWLOON.

A large gathering greatly enjoyed the al fresco concert by the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers Regimental Band, and Pipes and Drums on the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club last night.

The performance of the Band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A. R. C. M., was an unqualified success, the talent with which the various selections were presented being much appreciated.

"Kwang Hsu," Lincke's Chinese March, with which the programme was opened, was very well executed, the piece being a lively one with a fascinating Oriental air which brought up visions of pagodas.

Rossini's "William Tell" was also delightfully played and well received, the audience being enthusiastic in their demands for an encore. Other selections played were: Youmans' "Hit the Deck," Bonnisseau's "Robert Bruce," and Stoddon's "Communityland."

Between the Band items, the Regimental Pipes under Pipe-Major W.C.K. Macleod and the Drummers under Drum-Major W. D. Dalrymple, played on the lawn. Their contributions, all of which were well received, were "The 48th Bonnie Woods and Braes," "The Highway to Linton," "Dovecoats Park," "The Braes O'Muir," "The Kilt is my Delight," "Pibroch O'Donnell Dhu," "Shirling Castle" and "Miss Girdle."

The Pipes and Drums played the grand finale in which "Macfarlane's Favourite," "The Road to the Isles," and the Regiment's own air "Blue Bonnets o'er the Border," were spiritedly rendered.

OLDEST ADMIRAL.

SIR E. FREMANTLE AND
PRETTY GIRLS.

London, July 15.

Sir Edmund Fremantle, the oldest British admiral, celebrates his ninety-second birthday to-day. He is a man of upright carriage with a walk that still bears traces of a sailor's roll.

"Moderation" he said to a "Daily Express" representative yesterday, "has been my motto since boyhood."

Sir Edmund is full of tolerance towards the present generation. "Girls now," he said, "are prettier than they were in Victorian days. I think they are quite as capable of voting as their elders. Dancing is over for me—but I don't think I have missed much."

"I don't worry about diet, but I think beer is far healthier than spirits. Young men drink far less now than they did in my young days."

"My birthday party is to be held in the afternoon—like a youngsters'! It will be a gathering of my family and my friends."

He played false with his principals and stole contraband—either arms or opium—worth \$20,000. Chan Chee-nam was not connected with the venture but, so the story goes, he indicated to the chief that he had a share and that he must have compensation or he would make him suffer.

THE INSTIGATOR.

At any rate, statements taken after the murder contained allegations that Chan Chee-nam was the instigator—presumably because his threats did not result in payment. The names of the murderers were discovered but these men were in hiding, away from Hong Kong, before action could be taken. After some time, the witnesses drifted away and, feeling secure, Chan Chee-nam returned to the Colony. He stayed here a good many years during which he was in the hands of the Police more than once but was released owing to insufficiency of evidence.

This time, the long arm of the law, reached him.

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Paradise For Two."

To-day—World Theatre: "The Great Gatsby."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Let It Rain."

July 31-Aug. 1—Queen's Theatre: "The Midnight Rose" (Wed. at 9.15 Long Tack Sam).

July 31-Aug. 1—World Theatre: "Sparrows."

July 31-Aug. 1—Star Theatre: "Three Faces East."

Aug. 1—At Queen's Theatre. Long Tack Sam and his company of wonder workers, 9.20 p.m.

Aug. 2—Star Theatre: "After Midnight."

Aug. 2—Queen's Theatre: "The Red Mill" (At 9.15 Long Tack Sam).

Aug. 2—World Theatre: "Heaven on Earth."

Aug. 17—Second Band Concert at H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters.

Sport.

August 1.—Tennis match: H.K. V.D.C. v. Racerio. King's Park, Kowloon, 5.15 p.m.

August 1.—Swimming sport, and gala at Kowloon Recreation Club beach, by K. O. S. Borderers, to celebrate Minden Day.

Aug. 24—H.K.V.D.C.'s swimming gala at V.R.C. Bath, 9 p.m.

Meeting.

August 2—H.K. Football annual meeting at Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

August 3—Garrison Children's Schools' annual prize-giving, in H.K.V.D.C. drill hall, 11 a.m.

"PUSSYFOOT."

"DRY" SALOON CHIEF THE
PASTOR.

Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson, the prohibition leader, was married recently to Mary Beattie Stanley, of Washington, according to a message from Syracuse, New York, to the "Chicago Tribune" (quoted by Central News).

The Rev. Lewis Tucker, Superintendent of the local prohibition saloon, officiated.

William Johnson won the nickname of "Pussyfoot" by his stealthy methods of fighting alcohol. He has travelled all over the world, preaching Teetotalism. While in

(Continued on next Column.)

NOTICE.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS,
LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of Sixty Cents per Share has been declared payable on WEDNESDAY, 22nd AUGUST next, on and after which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained upon application at the Registered Office of the Company, Canal Road East, Bowrington, Hong Kong.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 8th AUGUST to TUESDAY, 21st AUGUST, 1928, both days inclusive.

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L. C. F. BELLAMY,
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Hong Kong, 30th July, 1928.

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England he lost the sight of an eye during a medical students' "rag." Recently he predicted that the world would "go dry" by 1952. The prohibition movement in England and Scotland, he said, "had grown beyond our fondest expectations." The world laughed when the police found on his estate at Smithville Flats, U.S., a large still planted and operated there by bootleggers.

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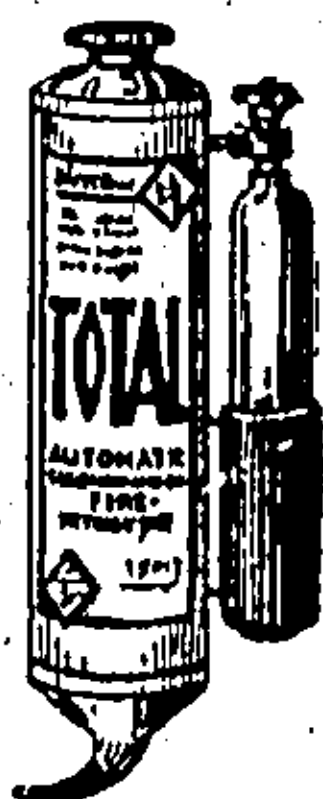
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AT OLYMPIA.

BRITISH OFFICER WINS THE
GOLD CUP.

ROYALTY'S VISIT.

The King and Queen openly showed their gratification on June 24 at the International Olympia Horse Show, when Captain J. H. Dudgeon, of the Royal Scots Greys, riding Lieutenant A. G. Martyn's Forty-Six, made two perfect rounds and thus won the King George V. Gold Cup. Bracketed next him were Colonel Malise Graham, on the veteran Broncho, and Lieutenant Bizard on Quinine, states the "Morning Post."

The result was a reversal of the proverb that youth will be served, for Forty-Six is aged, Broncho is 24, and Quinine 12.

The styles in which the three horses took their jumps were very different. Broncho is a staid performer, who has survived many Horse Show ordeals. He and his rider believe in no undue effort, and recognition for his previous efforts were acknowledged by applause as he entered the arena. Forty-six, who took the cup, took risks. He was very fast, but just avoided the charge of rushing his jumps. He was collected for each and never got out of hand, but he was vibrating with energy and vigour, a neat, determined, admirable jumper. Quinine, with Lieutenant Bizard up, recalled the gallantry associated with the Three Musketeers. She received an ovation as she came into the ring, travelling in the dashing style associated with Saumur, and making a first faultless round, but failing at two obstacles when she was recalled.

Nothing occurred to mar a perfect day. The sun shone brilliantly and brought out the full glory of the blooms with which the arena is framed, and was reflected from the perfectly-groomed horses.

The Royal party—the King, Queen, and Princess Mary—characteristically arrived punctually to the moment. The Queen was wearing a dress of pale blue, with cream and gold brocade, and a pale blue and silver hat. Princess Mary was in green. The King wore morning dress. The representatives of the foreign Powers were formally presented to them, and then the Show continued in all its brilliance.

THE KING'S CUP.

There was a number of parades, and then the Austrians gave their display as a prelude to the opening of the King's Cup competition. Their performance was, perhaps, the best they have so far given, but their senior officer, Count von der Sparatzen, informed that there is no chance of any of the horses being left behind in England with the idea of founding a school.

The competition for the King's Cup did not open brilliantly, and it was a considerable time before any competitor made a perfect round. The most notable of the performers, other than those already mentioned, were as follows: Chelsea, a 12-year-old brown mare, who did a perfect first round, well collected and fast, but who came badly to grief when recalled into the ring; Fize, crashed into the triple bar, but with Captain J. L. M. Barrett up, otherwise gave an excellent account of himself; Isaac did a beautiful first round, taking each obstacle as his rider asked, being cool, collected, and fast, but he fell to bits when recalled; Commandant Kido, for Japan, rode in dashing style and might have been more fortunate than he was, and but for the "rubs" of the course might easily have done a perfect round; Captain Yoshida, for Japan, went too fast, but also nearly succeeded; Lieutenant C. T. L. Findlay in Mary had a black mare that jumped like a cat, but two obstacles lost slips; Lieutenant Colonel E. P. J. Johnson-Ferguson's Peter did a perfect first round, but on his re-entry gave a refusal and knocked down the wattle fence.

A DASHING PERFORMANCE. Second String, exhibited by the 10th Royal Hussars, gave a dashing performance, with eagle precision, but failed in his second trial; and War Baby, exhibited by Captain E. B. de Fontblanque, of the Royal Horse Artillery, stole over his jumps in a manner that aroused admiration, only just missing a perfect round.

The King was a most interested spectator. The competition proved to be the most hotly contested of recent years. It was carried out in dashing style. One minute 46 seconds, and there was only one that exceeded one minute 30 seconds. There were timber crashes, but remarkably few of them and not a single accident. The Royal party was heartily cheered as they left Olympia.

FORD'S RUBBER SCHEME.

Detroit, Saturday.
Mr. Henry Ford's motor-ship "Lake Ormoc" has departed for Santa Rem, in Brazil, laden with supplies, equipment and personnel—the last mentioned to engage in early operations of rubber planting. —Reuter's American Service.

RASPUTIN.

THE CLAIM BY HIS
DAUGHTER.

DEMANDS £200,000.

Madame Boris Solovieff, a widow, and a daughter of the famous Russian monk, Rasputin, who during the war wielded great influence at the Russian Court, has initiated a civil action against two of the alleged slayers of her father—men of high rank, and like herself, fugitives from Russia, writes a Paris Correspondent to the "Daily News and Westminster Gazette."

The writ has been issued. Mme. Solovieff claims £200,000 damages. In her statement of claim it is stated that she is the legitimate daughter of Rasputin; that Rasputin disappeared from his house at Petrograd during the night of December 17, 1916, and that his mutilated body was recovered from the River Neva a few days later.

It is alleged that the identity of the murderers has only recently been revealed, in a book published a few months ago in Paris. It is further alleged that, "not content with proclaiming their crime, the assassins have insulted the memory of their victim, and have tried to cast on him such discredit as to render it impossible for members of his family to continue to bear his name."

Prepossessing. A pretty, elegantly dressed woman of 30, of middle height, with blue eyes, the daughter of Rasputin, in an interview, explained that, in bringing this action she wished to prove, in spite of stories to the contrary, that the name of Rasputin was one which could be borne honourably. "He was a good father to me," she added.

The extraordinary career of Gregory Rasputin was brought to a violent end on Dec. 29, 1916, when he was assassinated in Petrograd by some highly-placed Russian. Born in 1873 at Pokrovsky, Siberia, the son of a fisherman, when a very young man he became a professional pilgrim and gained the reputation of a saint.

He acquired a commanding position among the reactionaries in Russia, and was credited with making and unmaking Ministers. Banishment to Siberia followed in 1913, but he returned to St. Petersburg soon after the outbreak of the Great War and, finding renewed favour with the Tsarina, became a sinister political figure. He is said to have been scheming to bring about a separate peace with Germany when assassination ended his life at the age of 43.

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The firm, which has undertaken to do the work at nominal cost on account of the architectural historic importance of the tower, holds the cementation contracts for St. Paul's Cathedral and the Mersey Tunnel shaft lining.

"WAR COWARD."

GERMAN "SENT TO BRITAIN
FOR TREATMENT."

Berlin, June 17.
A wealthy Brandenburg landowner, who during the war commanded a roving cavalry patrol in German East Africa, is suing the author of a book called "The Mutineers" for having described him as an arrant coward, and as having shirked facing the English.

The commander, says Herr Rudolf de Hart, the book's author, was such a thorough believer in the value of running away in order to fight another day that his men at last mutinied and deposed him. They sent him to the farthest English outpost, and with a grim sense of humour asked that the English should take care of him as a bad mental case till the war was over.

General von Le How-Vorbeck, the German commander-in-chief in East Africa, is to be called to give evidence for the defence in the coming trial.

LORD LONSDALE.

FIFTY YEARS IN WORLD OF
SPORT.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

London, June 23.
The outstanding figure of the day among British sportsmen is undoubtedly the Earl of Lonsdale. To him next Tuesday a remarkable tribute will be paid by British sportsmen in all parts of the world on the occasion of his golden wedding; the Prince of Wales handing to him a cheque which will probably represent £300,000, in recognition of his long and honourable connection with many kinds of sport.

That princely sum his Lordship, in conjunction with the Countess of Lonsdale, will devote, it is understood, to the founding of a hospital to meet the special needs of men who have close association with sport.

This event serves to bring to mind some of the remarkable events with which the Earl has been identified, and to emphasise his extraordinary versatility, because it is practically impossible to mention a sport or pastime in which at different periods in his lifetime he has not had a share, from coursing to big game shooting. At present it is only possible to summarise very briefly (says the "Yorkshire Post") these activities during more than 60 years.

As a member of the Jockey Club, Lord Lonsdale is very closely identified with racing, and it is interesting to note in this connection that a unique festival provided by his family in successive generations has racing as its central feature.

No Earl of Lonsdale, as such, sees the Burgh Barony Cup won twice. Whenever the heir succeeds to the title a great festival is provided on Burgh Marsh, a few miles west of Carlisle, and the chief event is for the Barony Cup, but there are other races, in addition to wrestling and other North-country pastimes. The Cup can only be competed for by tenants on the Barony, but that is so extensive that there can never be any risk of a shortage of candidates.

RACING SUCCESSES.

The present Earl saw the festival given to mark the accession of his brother, St. George; and when he came to the title his Lordship provided such a programme of lavish hospitality, in August 1883, that it is even to-day spoken of by elderly people as something that will never be seen in the Barony again.

But years before his own Barony Races, the Earl was known as a keen patron of racing, a skilled (and successful) steeplechase rider, and a hunter of outstanding ability. For a good many years he had only moderate success as an owner of racehorses, and it was not until 1907 that he won the Devonshire Plate at Carlisle, to be followed in 1910 by the event which probably afforded him as great a pleasure as the securing of more important races—the winning of the Cumberland Cup with Melay.

His greatest success was, of course, when Royal Lancer won the 1922 St. Leger, his Lordship having leased the horse from the National Stud. Since 1911 nine of his horses have won stakes of the total value of over £34,000.

In the opinion of many sporting men and women Lord Lonsdale's greatest achievements were as a Master of the Hounds. He was a hunter from boyhood, and possibly even then he may have had ambitions to reach the highest position in the world of field sports. At any rate he lived to see it recorded by the great authority, "Thornbury," in his book, "Kings of the Hunt," that "Hugh Cecil, fifth Earl of Lonsdale, is the most brilliant sportsman this ancient line has produced."

He became successively Master of the Woodland Pychley, the Quorn, and the Cottemore packs, and carried on each but especially the Quorn, with royal generosity and characteristic thoroughness. When the pack was given up, and the horses were sent for sale, over eighty were catalogued and they realized considerably over £20,000.

BIG GAME SHOOTING.

Yacht racing was also for a considerable span of years one of the Earl's sports, and in one season he won 36 events out of 46 starts. He also sailed the then Emperor of Germany's racing yacht for three seasons. As the owner of probably the most extensive game preserves in the North of England, of the only Northern forest where the wild red deer still flourish, and of many miles of grouse moors, Lord Lonsdale has had remarkable opportunities of proving his skill with the gun.

These, however, he would regard as minor achievements by comparison with what he has done in connection with big game shooting, and the study, corridors, and great entrance hall at Lowther Castle contain hundreds of specimens of all

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KOWLOON C. C. AND DOCK DRAW.

SATURDAY'S GAMES.

Division I.

KOWLOON DOCK v. K.C.C.

On their own green, Kowloon Dock Recreation Club drew with Kowloon Cricket Club, the visitors winning on two rinks but losing by 10 shots on the other. Scores:—

Kowloon Dock.	Kowloon C.C.
J. O. McLaggan	J. T. Dobbie
J. McKelvie	J. A. Howe
G. Henderson	A. W. Smith
S. Gray	J. Fraser
(skip)	(skip)
C. S. Atkinson	F. Goodwin
F. Cullen	G. E. Lammert
J. A. Lindsay	G. E. Wragge
J. C. Brown	J. Gibson
(skip)	(skip)
G. Cooper	Burford
S. C. Goodman	W. Keegan
W. P. Hedley	H. Overy
R. Lapsley	A. Chapman
(skip)	(skip)
66	56

TAIKOO R.C. v. K.B.G.C.

On their own green, Taikoo Recreation Club defeated Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 31 shots. Scores:—

Taikoo R.C.	Bowling Green.
A. Stalker	H. Nish
J. J. Whyte	D. Harvey
G. McLeod	T. J. Magill
J. Ferguson	W. Russell
(skip)	(skip)
J. Laing	R. Duncan
J. Chapman	D. Muir
J. Russell	A. Holland
R. Wallace	W. Macfarlane
(skip)	(skip)
J. C. Chalmers	Hall
T. Grimshaw	A. E. Silkstone
C. B. Matthews	D. Gow
N. Drummond	L. Guy
(skip)	(skip)
79	48

POLICE R.C. v. C.S.C.C.

Entertaining their neighbours, the Civil Service Cricket Club, Police Recreation Club won by 6 shots, thanks to their solitary but substantial victory on one rink. Scores:—

Police R.C.	Civil Service.
Hargreaves	E. W. Simmons
W. Glendinning	F. E. Booker
R. Marks	J. J. Gregory
A. Clark	J. Hollidge
(skip)	(skip)
Gooding	J. T. Laing
McLeod	F. Haynes
Holland	S. E. Alderman
J. Clark	T. D. E. Pendered
(skip)	(skip)
J. Oram	R. R. Davies
J. Wiltshire	H. Westlake
J. C. West	J. Deakin
G. C. Moss	A. W. Grimmer
(skip)	(skip)
12	18
54	48

Division II.

CIVIL SERVICE v. E.P.R.C.

At Happy Valley, Civil Service Cricket Club beat East Point Recreation Club by 48 shots. Scores:—

Civil Service	East Point.
S. Eccleshall	Gordon
C. E. Jones	Black
J. R. Archibald	Goldenberg
J. Massey	Hampton
(skip)	(skip)
F. H. Holdman	Coutts
L. E. Longbottom	Kinnaird
L. Luck	Akehurst
R. T. Taylor	L. de Rome
(skip)	(skip)
L. R. Whant	Arnold
R. S. Vergette	Baker
W. Bickford	Paul
A. B. Allan	A. Webster
(skip)	(skip)
24	12
78	30

R.C.C. v. TAIKOO.

On their own green, Kowloon Cricket Club lost to Taikoo Recreation Club by 4 shots. Scores:—

(Continued on next column.)

GOLF.

SCOTTISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

WIN FOR W. W. MACKENZIE.

London, Yesterday. The final of the Scottish Amateur Championship, played over 86 holes at Muirfield, resulted in a victory for W. Willis Mackenzie of Mortonhall, who beat W. Dodds (Prestwick) by 5 and 3.—Reuter.

CANADIAN TEST.

Toronto, Yesterday. Leo Diegel, of New York, has won the Canadian Open Championship with a score of 282 over 72 holes. Archie Compston, Walter Hagen and MacDonald Smith all tied for second place with a score of 284.—Reuter.

W. Bruce	Spiers
T. B. Smith	Maxwell
A. H. Lay	Moore
F. G. Herdridge	J. Sloan
(skip)	(skip)
14	24
54	58

K.B.G.C. v. YACHT CLUB.

Visiting Kowloon Bowling Green, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club lost by 25 shots. Scores:—

K.B.G.C.	R.H.K.Y.C.
H. Stonham	E. S. Abraham
H. Hatt	J. Bentley
E. W. Hogbin	B. Wylie
T. R. Forster	G. W. R. Edwards
(skip)	(skip)
W. E. Bell	F. Sutton
W. S. Drake	S. Deacon
J. MacLachlan	P. W. Ramsay
G. R. Roylance	E. W. Carpenter
(skip)	(skip)
Rundell	Murdoch
Hale	H. S. Rouse
Johnston	Wood
A. Macfarlane	A. L. Shields
(skip)	(skip)
23	18
68	43

RECREIO "B" v. C.C.C.

At King's Park, Club de Recreio "B" lost to Craigengower Cricket Club by 9 shots. Scores:—

Recreio "B".	Craigengower.
Gomes	D. K. Kharas
F. X. Soares	Y. Abbas
J. Ribeiro	W. Nicholson
J. G. Ozorio	W. Collins
(skip)	(skip)
A. Machado	F. K. Modi
A. V. Barros	S. Flegg
H. Sequeira	J. T. Lunny
P. Yvanovich	A. A. Razack
(skip)	(skip)
A. E. S. Alves	R. C. Reed
E. V. M. R. Sousa	E. Zimmermann
A. H. Basto	A. A. Lewis
L. E. Gutierrez	F. T. Knott
(skip)	(skip)
17	16
49	58

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Craigengower C.C.	7	7	0	0	14
Police R.C.	8	5	0	3	10
Kowloon Dock R.C.	8	4	1	3	9
Taikoo R.C.	7	4	0	3	8
Kowloon C.C.	7	3	1	3	7
Kowloon B.G.C.	8	3	0	5	6
Civil Service C.C.	9	0	0	9	0

Shots For and Against.

For Agt. Up Dn	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Craigengower C.C.	440	354	75	0	
Police R.C.	431	399	32	0	
Kowloon B.G.C.	487	477	10	0	
Kowloon D.R.C.	460	478	2	0	
Police R.C.	448	461	0	13	
Kowloon C.C.	389	421	0	32	
Civil Service C.C.	474	549	0	75	

Division II.

Civil Service C.C. 8 6 1 1 18

LEAGUE TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. DEFEAT THE UNIVERSITY.

CHINESE WIN.

Division "B."

H.K.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

On their own courts, Hong Kong Cricket Club defeated the University by 17 games. Scores:—

H.K.C.C.	University.
G. Miskin & W. B. Cornaby	(H.K.C.C.)
lost to G. de Souza & J. Barrow	4-7
lost to Y. B. Ng & T. K. Tan	5-8
beat T. L. Lu & G. E. Yeoh	10-1
19-14	
R. M. Henderson & J. G. Lawrie	(H.K.C.C.)
beat G. de Souza & J. Barrow	8-3
beat Y. B. Ng & T. K. Tan	7-4
beat T. L. Lu & G. E. Yeoh	6-5
21-12	
R. K. Valentine & W. A. Nowers	(H.K.C.C.)
lost to G. de Souza & J. Barrow	5-6
beat Y. B. Ng & T. K. Tan	6-5
beat T. L. Lu & G. E. Yeoh	7-4
18-15	
Total: Hong Kong C.C. 68 games, University 41 games.	

Division "C."

CHINESE R.C. v. R.A.M.C.

On their own ground, Chinese Recreation Club I defeated Royal Army Medical Corps by 27 games. Scores:—

Chinese R.C.	R.A.M.C.
Cheng Chi-wing & Chan Wah-po	(C.R.C. I)
beat Maj. R. H. Lucas & Pte. Tiernan	8-3
beat Maj. R. T. Cox & S/Sgt. Sims	10-1
beat S/M Browne & S/Sgt. Gilmore	10-1
28-5	
Lau Man-kwong & Chiu Tsun-chiu	(C.R.C. I)
lost to Maj. R. H. Lucas & Pte. Tiernan	5-6
beat Maj. R. T. Cox & S/Sgt. Sims	7-4
beat S/M Browne & S/Sgt. Gilmore	11-0
23-10	
Ip Kau & Lo Man-hin	(C.R.C. I)
lost to Maj. R. H. Lucas & Pte. Tiernan	2-9
beat Maj. R. T. Cox & S/Sgt. Sims	6-5
lost to S/M Browne & S/Sgt. Gilmore	4-7
12-21	
Total: Chinese R.C. I 68 games, Royal Army Medical Corps 36 games.	

C.R.C. II v. INDIAN R.C.

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club II beat Indian Recreation Club by 35 games. Scores:—

Chinese R.C. II	Indian R.C.
Ng Kam-chuen & Teoi Ping-fan	(C.R.C. II)
beat M. O. Hoosen & A. Rahmin	8-3
beat M. Hassan & Y. J. Khan	11-0
beat M. P. Madar & M. Y. Adal	8-3
27-6	
W. C. Hung & H. W. Chan	(C.R.C. II)
beat M. O. Hoosen & A. Rahmin	7-4
beat M. Hassan & Y. J. Khan	8-3
beat M. P. Madar & M. Y. Adal	7-4
22-11	
C. F. Lee & Hon Lun-fung	(C.R.C. II)
beat M. O. Hoosen & A. Rahmin	8-3
lost to M. Hassan & Y. J. Khan	5-6
lost to M. P. Madar & M. Y. Adal	5-6
18-15	
Total: Chinese R.C. II 67 games, Indian R.C. 32 games.	

RECREIO II v. K.C.C.

At King's Park, Club de Recreio II defeated Kowloon Cricket Club by 89 games. Scores:—

Recreio II	K.C.C.
L. A. Rocha & G. A. Noronha	(Recreio II)
beat C. H. Atkins & K. A. Carstensen	6-5
beat A. E. Guest & R. P. Bingham	10-1
beat A. W. Ramsay & E. Walker	8-3
24-9	
A. A. Remedios & A. Cosano	(Recreio II)
beat C. H. Atkins & K. A. Carstensen	6-5
beat A. E. Guest & R. P. Bingham	7-4
beat A. W. Ramsay & E. Walker	9-2
22-11	
Total: Civil Service C.C. 49 games, Royal Army Ordnance Corps 40 games.	

H. A. Barros & C. A. Barretto

(Recreio II).—
beat C. H. Atkins & K. A. Carstensen 7-4
beat A. E. Guest & R. P. Bingham 9-2
beat A. W. Ramsay & E. Walker 7-4
Total: Club de Recreio II 69 games, Kowloon C.C. 80 games.

K.I.T.C. v. RECREIO I.

On their own courts, Kowloon Indian Tennis Club lost to the Club de Recreio I by 19 games. Scores:—
G. A. Khan & S. R. Salleh (K.I.T.C.)
lost to M. Oliveira & A. E. Ribeiro 3-8
beat J. Xavier & F. H. Carvalho 7-4
lost to A. Remedios & J. H. Figueiredo 2-9
12-21
H. Singh & Firdos Khan (K.I.T.C.)
lost to M. Oliveira & A. E. Ribeiro 3-8
beat J. Xavier & F. H. Carvalho 7-4
lost to A. Remedios & J. H. Figueiredo 2-9
12-21
Feroz Ali & M. A. Khan (K.I.T.C.)
lost to M. Oliveira & A. E. Ribeiro 5-6
lost to J. Xavier & F. H. Carvalho 5-6
beat A. Remedios & J. H. Figueiredo 8-3
18-15
Total: Kowloon Indian T.C. 40 games, Club de Recreio 59 games.

Y.M.C.A. v. SOUTH CHINA.

On their own courts, European Y.M.C.A. lost to South China Athletic Association by 48 games. Scores:—

Y.M.C.A.	South China.
Ponsford & Murray (Y. M. C. A.)	
lost to Tsang & Tsao	3-8
beat Ng & Yung	7-4
lost to Lam and Ko	3-8
13-20	
Trambitzky & Faers (Y. M. C. A.)	
lost to Tsang & Tsao	1-10
beat Ng & Yung	6-5
lost to Lam and Ko	4-7
11-22	
Saunderson & Jones (Y. M. C. A.)	
lost to Tsang & Tsao	0-11
lost to Ng & Yung	4-7
lost to Lam and Ko	0-11
4-29	
Total: Y.M.C.A. 28 games, South China A.A. 71 games.	

HONG KONG C.C. v. K.R.M.Q.

On their own courts, Hong Kong Cricket Club defeated Kennedy-road Married Quarters by 27 games. Scores:—
N. L. H. Ralston & A. Piercy (H.K.C.C.)
beat Hardy & Moccock 7-4
beat Delahunt & Potts 7-4
beat McCulloch & Burrage 6-5
20-13
G. S. Hugh Jones & James (H.K.C.C.)
beat Hardy & Moccock 6-5
beat Delahunt & Potts 5-6
beat McCulloch & Burrage 7-4
18-15
L. A. R. Duncan & H. V. Parker (H.K.C.C.)
beat Hardy & Moccock 9-2
beat Delahunt & Potts 8-3
beat McCulloch & Burrage 8-3
25-8
Total: Hong Kong C.C. 63 games, Kennedy-road Married Quarters 36 games.

CIVIL SERVICE v. R.A.O.C.

At Happy Valley, Civil Service Cricket Club defeated Royal Army Ordnance Corps by 19 games. Scores:—

Civil Service	R.A.O.C.
W. H. Owen & R. F. Jones (C. S. C.)	
beat Greenaway & Major W. White	6-5
lost to Waterfield & Hale	5-6
beat Bryant & Donaldson	7-4
18-15	
A. White and B. White (C. S. C.)	
beat Greenaway & Major W. White	7-4
lost to Waterfield & Hale	4-7
beat Bryant & Donaldson	9-2
20-13	
C. R. Spitzer & J. Rendall (C. S. C.)	
beat Greenaway & Major W. White	6-5
lost to Waterfield & Hale	5-6
beat Bryant & Donaldson	7-4
21-12	
Total: Civil Service C.C. 49 games, Royal Army Ordnance Corps 40 games.	

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:—

"A" Division.	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.	6	6	0	12
Hong Kong C.C.	6	4	2	8
M.B.K.	6	4	2	8
Indian R.C.	6	2	4	4
Kowloon C.C.	6	2	4	4
Craigengower C.C.	5	1	4	2
University	5	1	4	2

"B" Division.

P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.	10	10	0
South China A.A.	9	8	1
Hong Kong C.C.	10	8	2
Recreio	9	6	3
Nippon Club	7	3	4
Indian R.C.	8	3	5
University	7	2	5
M.B.K.	7	2	5
Craigengower C.C.	9	2	7
Royal Engineers	8	1	7
Kowloon C.C.	6	0	6

"C" Division.

P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C. II	10	10	0
Chinese R.C. I	9	9	0
Recreio II	9	8	1
South China A.A.	7	6	1
Kowloon C.C.	9	6	3
Hong Kong C.C.	9	6	3
Civil Service C.C.	9	6	3
Recreio I	11	5	6
R.A.O.C.	10	4	6
Kennedy-rd. M.Q.	11	4	7
R.A.M.C.	10	8	2
Nippon	8	2	6
Y.M.C.A.	9	1	8
Indian R.C.	11	1	10
Kowloon I.T.C.	10	0	10

H.K.V.D.C. v. RECREIO.

The following will represent Club de Recreio in a friendly tennis match against the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps on Wednesday at 5.15 p.m. on the Club de Recreio's ground at King's Park:—
Y. Yvanovich and F. J. Remedios;
L. A. Ribeiro and A. V. Remedios;
E. A. Noronha and E. de Sousa.
The Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps will be represented by:—S. E. Green and E. C. Fincher; H. Owen Hughes and O. E. C. Marton; R. K. Valentine and E. J. R. Mitchell.

LORD LONSDALE.

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most every big wild creature from moose to crocodile. Soon after their marriage Lord and Lady Lonsdale went for an extended trip to the Rocky Mountains, and roughed it in the truest sense for several months, her Ladyship taking a full share of the hardships. On another occasion Lord Lonsdale went to the far North-West of Canada and had some remarkable experiences. He claimed to be the discoverer of Klondyke, having been on the spot years before the great gold rush.

As an all-round athlete Lord Lonsdale had probably no equal as a young man. The story was told for the first time in the "Yorkshire Post" about eighteen months ago how early in 1878—a few months before his marriage—the Hon. Hugh Lowther, at the instigation of the Duke of Beaufort and Sir John Astley, undertook to walk on the Great North Road a hundred miles in 24 hours. The actual walking time was only eighteen hours, but he reached Ram Jam, near Stamford,

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4 WEEK-END GAMES.

HAPPY VALLEY BASEBALL SCORES.

LEAGUE AND "FRIENDLY."

Four baseball matches were played at Happy Valley during the week-end one in the senior league, two junior and one "friendly." The Filipino Club nine administered their second defeat on the Hong Kong Baseball Club when these two sides met in the senior division of the local baseball league on Saturday.

The Club started very promisingly and looked like being able to turn the tables on the Filipinos but, after playing excellently in the first two innings, they fell away badly and hardly had a look-in during the remainder of the game.

With Burrell and Ape on bases in the first frame, Russakoff slugged a home-run, the ball going well over centre-field. The Ruffin-Burrell battery worked well together and blanked their opponents.

Each side scored a run in the next inning in which Alvarez got even with Russakoff by making the circuit with a hit which was a duplicate of the American's home run earlier on.

BURRELL'S LAPSE.

Both teams were blanked when they went up to bat for the third time but in the fourth inning, after again getting a "duck," the Club lost their lead.

Burrell, who had been catching admirably up to this stage, had a lapse which might be said to have been the turning point for the Filipinos. D. Leonard was up in the fourth inning of his side, with Hachuma on base. The batter was actually struck out but Burrell failed to hold the ball on the third strike. Leonard made for the first sack. Burrell, with plenty of time to get the runner pegged, overthrew to Russakoff thus allowing Hachuma to cross the home plate. From then onward, the Filipinos were satisfied to allow the opposition to make all the mistakes and scored four runs in each of the last three innings.

APER'S PROWESS.

Going up to bat for the last time, the Club made a herculean effort to reduce their big deficit. Ruffin hit a three-bagger which brought in Proulx and Burrell. No further run was added, the final score being 13-7 in favour of the Filipino Club.

The Hong Kong B.C. was strengthened by the inclusion of Ape who made his initial appearance on the Happy Valley diamond and gave a good account of himself. He possesses a thorough knowledge of the game and pleased the fans with some smart work at short and behind the plate. In batting, too, he also showed a power to be reckoned with and more should be heard of him in local baseball.

THE LIGHTER SIDE.

A handful of U.S. Bluejackets added considerable amusement to the afternoon's sport by their good-humoured razing of their own countrymen on the field, the jokes and banter being taken in the same spirit as they were given.

Burrell, with mask, chest protector, leg guards and catcher's glove complete, was described as having more gear on him than an aviator on a world flight. Lammert's red stockings also came in for attention and Muccio was asked to "duplicate that mythical home-run hit" he made back in 1908.

The teams lined up as follows:—

H.K.B.C. Filipinos.

Proulx 3b D. Leonard
Burrell c. Y. Hachuma
Ruffin p. Zafra
Ape ss. Murata
Russakoff 1b T. Leonard
Harris 2b Rull
Muccio rf. Alvarez
Owen-Hughes cf. Kusano
Lammert lf. Fernandez

Score by Inning:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Total
H.K. Club ... 3 1 0 0 0 3 7
Filipinos ... 0 1 0 4 4 4 13

Y.M.B.A. LOSE.

Scoring consistently, St. Joseph's College overhauled Young Men's Baseball Association in the Junior League.

The winners piled up 28 runs (the fourth inning alone yielding 10) and conceded ten to their opponents.

St. Joseph's relied a great deal on their batting ability, and took full advantage of the numerous errors made by the Y.M.B.A.

Score by Inning:—
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Total
St. Joseph's ... 3 4 3 1 0 1 4 3 28
Y.M.B.A. ... 1 3 3 0 3 0 0 10

SUNDAY GAMES.

S.C.A.A. Juniors Defeat Kloro.

Good fielding was shown yesterday in the junior match which resulted in South China Athletic Association juniors narrowly defeating Kloro by 6 runs to 4. Score by Inning:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Total
S.C.A.A. ... 0 0 2 1 0 2 1 6
Kloro ... 0 1 0 3 0 0 0 4

DRAGONS DEFEATED.

U.S.S. "Sacramento" defeated South China A.A. "Dragons" by 10 runs to 1 in a "friendly" game.

The line-up was as follows:—

"Sacramento":
Kinell 1b T. Chinn
Musselwhite cf. D. Chinn
Lanza 2b W. Sling
Hagwood p. S. L. Lee
McGovern c. K. Chinn
Marlowe lf. Lau
Lindenmuth 3b June
Neary ss. Choy
Danielson rf. H. Sling

June relieved Lee as a pitcher during the first inning after Kinell had scored a home run. Marlowe scored a home run in the sixth inning. Score by Inning:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Total
"Sacramento" ... 2 1 0 0 0 7 10
"Dragons" ... 0 0 1 0 0 0 1

MID-WEEK MATCH.

"Sacramento" & "Ashville" Clash.

On the Happy Valley "diamond" last week, local baseball fans were treated to a fine game of baseball when the squad of the U.S.S. "Sacramento" crossed bat with a nine from U.S.S. "Ashville."

With their Captain and executive officer rooting for the side, the "Sacramento" boys brought home the bacon in fine style, although they did not get started until after the third inning, when the score was 3-0 against them.

The match was really a battle of pitchers, in which Archambault, the "Sacramento's" twirler, had the upper hand over Henson—"Ashville's" newly procured pitcher who was able to secure only three strike outs as against his opponent's eleven.

A HOME RUN.

With Henson not doing much in the "pitching department, and the "Ashville" only showing up in spots, the "Sacramento" nine, once they got warmed up, simply slugged their way to victory, and effectively pricked the "Ashville" bubble.

Kenniff's home run with two on bases was a very fine performance which was well received by the fans. Hagwood nearly scored another homer for the "Sacramento" and had hard luck to be pulled down by the "Ashville's" centre fielder who brought off a beautiful one handed catch.

The final scores were "Sacramento" 6 and "Ashville" 4.

FOR THIS SEASON.

WATER POLO LEAGUE ARRANGEMENTS.

A meeting of the Hong Kong Water Polo League held at the Victoria Recreation Club on Friday evening, it was decided to raise the entrance fee for the forthcoming League competition to \$10, and to fix the closing date for entries at August 4.

In explaining the reason for increasing the entrance fee, Mr. D. Lyon pointed out that a deficit of \$22.25 appeared on last year's balance sheet, and this deficit would have been bigger had not the winning team very kindly consented to meet the expense of engraving their own medals.

For its income, the speaker said, the League had to rely to a great extent on gate receipts which were never very big and, as last year's competition had shown, receipts were not sufficient to meet expenses.

THE BIG LEAGUES.

A WEEK'S BASEBALL SCORES FROM THE U.S.

"NATIONAL" & "AMERICAN"

New York, Saturday.
Results of matches played during the week in the National and American Baseball Leagues are as follows:—

National League.

July 21:
Chicago 2, New York 1.
Pittsburg 7, Brooklyn 3.
Pittsburg 10, Brooklyn 2.
Cincinnati 5, Boston 4.
St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 8.

July 22:
Brooklyn 5, Pittsburg 0.
Brooklyn 5, Pittsburg 6.
Chicago 4, New York 2.
St. Louis 8, Philadelphia 7.
Cincinnati 5, Boston 4.

July 23:
Brooklyn 1, Pittsburg 2.
July 24:
New York 6, Pittsburg 3.
Brooklyn 1, St. Louis 2.
Philadelphia 1, Cincinnati 5.

July 25:
New York 6, Pittsburg 5.
Brooklyn 8, St. Louis 1.
Boston 3, Chicago 1.
Philadelphia 5, Cincinnati 16.
Philadelphia 7, Cincinnati 6.

July 26:
New York 5, Pittsburg 7.
Brooklyn 1, St. Louis 6.
Boston 7, Chicago 6.
Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 6.

July 27:
New York 4, Pittsburg 2.
Brooklyn 5, St. Louis 2.
Boston 1, Chicago 2.
Philadelphia 1, Cincinnati 3.
American League.

July 21:
New York 2, Chicago 0.
Boston 5, Cleveland 2.
Boston 1, Cleveland 5.
Philadelphia 8, St. Louis 2.
Philadelphia 7, St. Louis 3.
Washington 4, Detroit 2.

July 22:
New York 4, Chicago 6.
Washington 8, Detroit 2.
Cleveland 5, St. Louis 8.

July 23:
Boston 8, New York 3.
Philadelphia 0, Washington 6.
Cleveland 0, St. Louis 10.

July 24:
Boston 3, New York 5.
July 25:
Detroit 3, New York 2.
Detroit 10, New York 7.
Cleveland 10, Boston 2.
Cleveland 15, Boston 5.
Chicago 0, Philadelphia 16.
Chicago 7, Philadelphia 8.
St. Louis 12, Washington 8.
St. Louis 6, Washington 5.

July 26:
Detroit 1, New York 12 (lasted 12 innings).
Detroit 13, New York 10.
Cleveland 4, Boston 2.
Cleveland 4, Boston 3.
Chicago 1, Philadelphia 5.
St. Louis 7, Washington 5.
St. Louis 4, Washington 6.

July 27:
Chicago 4, Philadelphia 7.
St. Louis 4, Washington 7.
—Reuter's American Service.

penses. Therefore, the only way to make the League self-supporting was to increase the entrance fee.

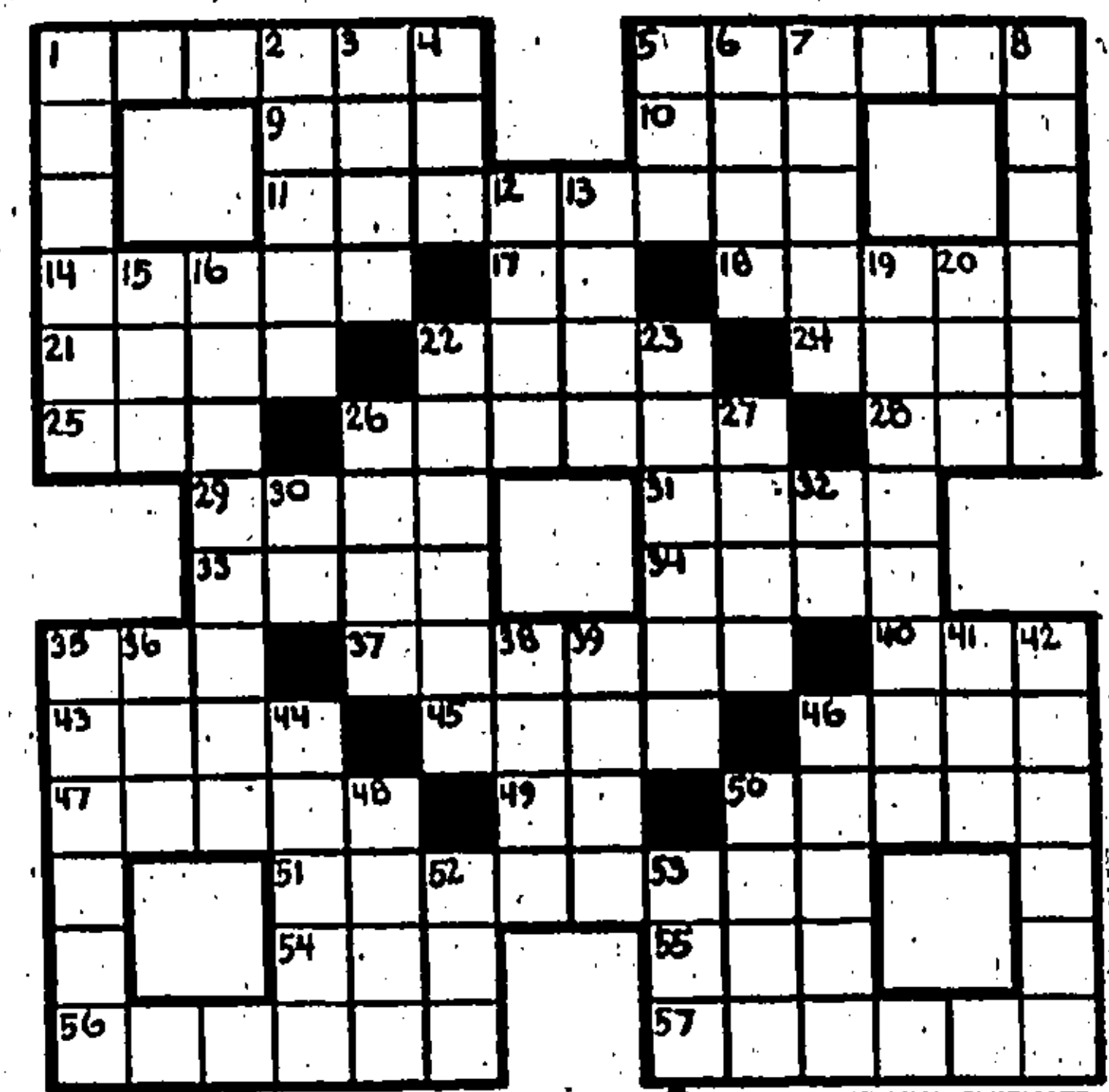
No Return Matches.
Mr. C. J. Cooke explained the financial position of the League. He said that \$65.50 was collected during the League competition last year, including entrance fees for seven teams at \$5 each and "gates," and \$87.75 was expended during the season. The deficit had very kindly been made up by the V.R.C. He thought that the entrance fee of \$5 was too low and that the increase will enable them to pay their way.

It was also decided that League conditions will remain the same as last year, the competing teams to meet each other once only. There will be no return matches unless two teams tie for a position. League matches will be played in the V.R.C. swimming bath on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the season.

A meeting of representatives of competing teams has been fixed to take place at the V.R.C. on Tuesday, August 7, when the draw will be made and general arrangements fixed.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Agricultural Instrument | 40-Pronoun | 19-Niched |
| 2-One who tests by eating or sipping | 41-Surprise completely | 20-French coin |
| 3-Ancient Egyptian mountain | 42-Boy's name | 21-Instrument for marking with lines (pl) |
| 4-Connected with the worship of Zeus | 43-Satisfied | 22-Pennsylvania city on the Delaware |
| 5-Wheel track | 44-Baseball term | 23-Ship of the "Argonauts" |
| 6-Dolphin | 45-One's entire possessions | 24-Close by |
| 7-Money hoarder | 46-Incidents | 25-Associate of Arts (abbr.) |
| 8-New England State (abbr.) | 47-Abundance | 26-Route of the Iron Horse (abbr.) |
| 9-Concise | 48-Distinguished New England poet | 27-Guarantee |
| 10-English school | 49-Mature | 28-On the summit |
| 11-Mexican laborer | 50-Scant | 29-Melody |
| 12-A place of education (abbr.) | 51-Strive hostilely | 30-A farm animal |
| 13-Stables cleaned by Hercules | 52-Prefix meaning three | 31-Inherent power |
| 14-Division of a pack of cards | 53-One of the central powers in World War (abbr.) | 32-Book of the Old Testament (abbr.) |
| 15-British nobleman | 54-Be indignant at | 33-Hollow metallic vessel |
| 16-Withered | 55-Conceited fellow | 34-Large masses of earth (abbr.) |
| 17-Carry on | 56-River in N. France | 35-A sharp blow |
| 18-Smear with viscous substance | 57-Suffix meaning like | |
| 19-Suffix meaning like | | |
| 20-Eloquent speaker | | |

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

RUN AT A LOSS.

H. K. FOOTBALL LEAGUE LAST SEASON.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

The Hong Kong Football League's annual report and balance sheet for the year ended May 31, 1928 states that the year under review was run at a loss, principally due to the non-playing of the annual game winners v. the Rest.

The Management Committee wish to draw the attention of Club secretaries to the marking out of grounds and request that during the coming season more supervision be given to this matter.

The Chinese Athletic are to be congratulated on winning both the Senior and Junior "B" championships, and the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers are also to be congratulated on again winning the Junior "A" championship.

Army Proposals.

The following amendments to rules have been submitted:—

Proposed by the R. A. Football Club, seconded by the K.O.S.B. Football Club.

Rule 5 Lines two and three Delete "be entitled to."

Rule 6 second portion: Delete "be entitled to."

Rule 7: For "may" read "shall."

Rule 9 third para, Senior Players: After "Committee" in the line 4 add "Players who play more than two matches in Division 2 'A' may not play in Division 2 'B' without the

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.

consent of the Management Committee."
Rule 17, add at the end: "On no account will points be awarded in respect of matches not played," or as an alternative "In the case of non-fulfilled fixtures owing to teams failing to turn out, the Management Committee shall award the points to the opponents, providing that they were ready with a full team to kick off at the stated time."

Annual Meeting.
The annual general meeting is to be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, August 2, at 5.30 p.m.

Through great success in backing "G's" I'm now a drone amongst the "B's."

My time is spent beside the "Ts" at golf. Or, basking at the "Cs."

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A REPRISAL.

KEROSENE IN WATER PIPE.
CHINESE FINED.

A reprisal for having been evicted of water by the tenants of the house, Chinese, living at No. 10, On-terrace, fourth floor, under the tap and poured kerosene into the pipe so as to contaminate the water supply of the house. The case was referred to the police by the tenants of that house with the result that a man named Lam was brought before Mr. R. E. Sell at the Central Magistrate on Saturday. He was charged with contaminating the water of that house and unlawfully turning off the tap. The defendant pleaded guilty to the first charge but denied the second.

W. R. N. Andrews of the Public Works Department, was called to give evidence. He stated that he had been to the top floor of the house and saw that the tap had been removed. He also found that the water bore a strong odour of kerosene.

Only One Cent! The Magistrate: Is it possible to remove the tap without using an instrument? Witness:—No, not without the aid of a spanner.

The defendant then intimated that he had only put in one cent worth of kerosene, but the Magistrate replied that it must be more or else the water would not have tasted as it did.

Two bottles of water taken from the second and third floors were produced in Court.

The defendant: I was not present when the water was taken. The Magistrate: That is worse still for the water gives a strong taste of kerosene a few hours afterwards. It is disgusting. You are convicted on both charges.

The defendant was fined \$25 or 14 days on the first charge and \$10 or 7 days on the second.

Man and a Boy. There was another case in which a man and a boy of No. 18, Stanley-street, third floor, were charged with committing the same offence.

Both defendants pleaded "guilty" and made no reply when Mr. R. E. Lindsell said:—Is it proper to have contaminated the water of the whole house?

The first defendant was fined \$10 or 10 days and the boy ordered to receive 8 strokes with the birch.

[Note: Complaints have been made that during the two hours for which the rider mains are turned on daily, the pressure is such that upper floors get no water, or the occupants of lower floors monopolise the supply. This kerosene pouring is believed to be a reprisal for withholding water from those above.]

GERARD LEE BEVAN.

INSURANCE FUNDS TRACED TO THE U.S.

Judgment was given on a claim by the liquidator of the Greater Britain Insurance Co., Limited, one of the companies involved in the City Equitable Fire Insurance Company crash.

He applied for an order directing that the liquidator of the City Equitable Fire Insurance Company should pay him \$28,486, or such sum as had been traced to the United States as being part of £17,520 paid by the Greater Britain directors to the City Equitable Company.

Mr. Justice Romer held that the applicant was entitled to a charge on \$28,486, which represented remittances from the United States to the liquidator of the City Equitable as the result of sales of securities bought with Greater Britain money.

The Greater Britain Company, he said, possessed readily realisable securities to the value of about £400,000 and this attracted the attention of Gerard Lee Bevan.

"It is not unreasonable to suppose," added Mr. Justice Romer, "that it was an irresistible attraction, and he proceeded to get control of the company by methods which were not without their ingenuity."

These methods, he said, included the formation of another company, the City Equitable Associated Company, the transfer of shares, and the formation of a finance committee, all the transactions being covered by book entries made by the direction of Bevan to cover up his own defalcations.

During a rainstorm at Newport (Mon.) Mrs. Emily Edith Jarvis, aged 34, was opening her umbrella while crossing a road, when she was knocked down by a char-a-banc, and killed.

DIVERS' SEARCH.

10,000 DIAMONDS IN SUNKEN SHIP.
OPTIMISTS.

St. Nazaire, June 17. More than 10,000 diamonds, valued at millions of pounds, which were being shipped from the Belgian Congo to London and went down with the Belgian liner "Elisabethville" when she was sunk in 250 feet of water off Belle Ile by a German submarine in September, 1917, is the objective of an Italian salvage ship which left here this afternoon with a crew of expert deep-sea divers.

French insurance companies which covered the vast loss of the ship are financing the expedition, and they have every hope of success. They have finally located the wreck after a year of dragging on a sandy bottom ten miles south of Belle Ile, directly west of St. Nazaire. The Italian steamer "Arpiglio" of Genoa, under Captain Tomei Mario, which has already recovered treasure from sunken ships in the Mediterranean, has been engaged to undertake the task.

"I do not think that we shall have any difficulty," said Captain Mario just before his ship left for the scene this afternoon.

"The diamonds are in a small safe in the captain's cabin, of which we have a plan. We shall blow open the cabin with dynamite and then try to reach the safe. When the safe is located the salvage ship will lower a powerful electric magnet and bring it up. If the cabin is full of mud the magnet will serve to locate the safe."

SINGAPORE BIRDS.

INTERESTING BOOK PUBLISHED BY RAFFLES MUSEUM.

Nature lovers will be pleased to learn that the Raffles Museum has published a popularly written book on the birds of Singapore.

The authors are the late Sir John Bucknill (formerly Chief Judicial Commissioner in the Federated Malay States and Chief Justice in the Straits Settlements) and Mr. P. N. Chasen, Curator of the Raffles Museum, but the preface indicates that Mr. Chasen is mainly responsible for the book.

The price is five dollars, which is a reasonable figure as the work consists of 247 pages and is illustrated by thirty-one coloured plates; it is bound in cloth and has an attractive coloured cover.

The book starts with a chapter on fieldwork in which migratory phenomena and hints on observation in general from a local point of view are given. Next, the birds of Singapore are considered from a geographical aspect and the mysteries of technical nomenclature are laid bare. The actual structure of a bird then claims attention, after which all the succeeding chapters are devoted to descriptions of the common birds. Every bird likely to be found on the island is described in detail.

Full accounts of the plumage are included and not only is the exact shape of each bird on the island indicated, but the geographical range of the species is given as well; so the book should prove itself useful not merely to the residents of Singapore but to others over a wide area of Malaysia also.

Thus, we read of the Malayan House-Swift, "very numerous in Singapore and easily the commonest swift on the island. It breeds freely in the town and nests exist in convenient places in some of the large buildings in the busiest and noisiest spots of the commercial quarters." Notes on the identification of the various birds in the field, the nesting habits, song and food are also given.

Books on the natural history of Malaysia are so few that one welcomes the appearance of this new work, especially as it is likely to appeal to a wide public, for the common lowland birds of the Peninsula and the great Malaysian islands are essentially the same as those found in Singapore. A pleasing feature is the absence of technical terms, for the book is written in popular style throughout. It is intended for the use of the uninitiated. Both residents and visitors, who wish to know something of the birds they may see about them, and is written not so much for the ornithologist who makes a business of seeking birds as for him who is content to meet them.

Major C. A. Lutz, a U. S. Marine Corps aviator, and Lieutenant H. T. Busby, who started for Managua, Nicaragua, in a three-engine transport machine, were killed as a result of their machine crashing at Bowling Green, Virginia. Major Lutz was to have taken command of the United States Marine air forces operating in Nicaragua.

I have a fine school in Westminster but no garden, and I cannot suppress my envy of you—Cardinal Bourne at Clapham garden fete.

THE STARS.

ASTROLOGY IN A DIVORCE SUIT.
LORD MERRIVALE'S VIEWS.

In the Divorce Court, on June 22, the hearing was concluded, before Lord Merrivale and a special jury, of the petition brought by Mr. Thomas Josiah Hume, manager of Barton's Causeway, Tiverton, and now of Rookery-road, Staines, who sought the dissolution of his marriage because of alleged adultery between his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Elsie Hume, and two co-respondents, Mr. Ernest Lionel Atherton, medical botanist and osteopath, of Royal York-crescent, Clifton, Bristol, and Mr. Marshall Ernest Brown, classical master at a King's-atton (Surrey) school.

Petitioner alleged that his wife (he was a widower when he married) was extravagant, and misconducted herself with the co-respondents at her address, Teignmouth-road, Bridesbury, North London, where the co-respondents visited, they being mutually interested in astrology. Adultery was denied.

Mr. Atherton "treated" Mrs. Hume and other people, and had a room in petitioner's house for "patients."

CHAPLAIN'S DAUGHTER. Lord Merrivale, summing-up, said the jury had to consider a very serious issue. Mr. Hume was employed in the East and married the daughter of a British chaplain in Yokohama. They lived in the East until the wife came home in 1922.

Early in 1927 Mr. Hume wrote to the co-respondent Atherton from the East with reference to meetings referred to as a "circle," held at Teignmouth-road, in which the wife took part, asking that she should not take part in further studying the occult, as he was sure it had affected her. Mr. Atherton was a herbalist with a substantial business and was interested in astrology.

He (Mr. Atherton) was given facilities by the husband to see patients at the house in Teignmouth-road, and this permission was not withdrawn until some time later.

The co-respondent, Mr. Brown, was a schoolmaster whose name the wife mentioned in her letters to her husband. Mr. Brown, who had appeared in person and conducted his own case, repeatedly asked witness after witness whether they had ever seen anything which caused them to suspect there was anything wrong between him and Mrs. Hume, and the answer in every instance was in the negative.

With regard to Mr. Brown, the jury had to consider whether he was an enthusiastic, honest young man or a crafty adulterer.

"FANTASTIC STORY." The judge referred to the opening statement, in which counsel said that in connection with the "circle" Mrs. Hume was known as "Salome," the co-respondent Atherton as "Karma," the second Messiah, and Mr. Brown as "John the Baptist." That was said at the beginning, but not a scrap of evidence had been given in regard to it.

It had also been said that Mrs. Hume had declared she was in love with Mr. Atherton, and wished he was free. That was the fantastic story of a servant.

He added that Mr. Atherton had treated Mrs. Hume professionally. Yet it had been suggested that his was a discreditable occupation.

The jury had to consider whether it was thought to be so when the husband gave Mr. Atherton permission for Mrs. Hume to be treated. Mr. Hume returned home early this year, and within two weeks was charging his friends Atherton with adultery with his wife on hearsay.

The judge went on to say that all the members of the "circle" were interested in astrology, and in order that the people could be understood it was necessary for the nature of the study to be considered.

Mr. Brown declared that astrology was one of the most ancient studies, and he was right. It was common knowledge that for many centuries men attached great importance to it, but whether it should be revived was another matter.

Where did the jury think the saying came from or "born under an evil star" or "when the stars in their course are falling?"

Lord Merrivale added that for his part he would like to cut that part out of the case altogether, but it could not be done. The jury might not believe in astrology, but others and Mr. Brown did. Mr. Brown had referred to the Bible, and made other references on the subject. The astrologer regarded a human creature as an item in the great circle of life; that the fate of it was influenced by external natural agencies, especially the course of the stars.

And so they had those people in it circumstances. The question was did they really believe in the subject of astrology as they professed? Were they people of clean minds following an innocent, even if some thought foolish, study, or

MONKEY GLAND.

DR. VORONOFF'S FIRST WOMAN PATIENT.
A FAILURE.

"I am sixty-four years old but I feel a thousand. I am miserable, weak and helpless. I can hardly walk, I can hardly see. I sit all day long and every day by my window here in Paris to catch a little of the sun and the fresh air. I yearn for the days of my health and vigour, so recent, yet so far away, and I only dream now of getting back to my home and family in America."

Not even the most intimate would recognise, if they did not know the facts, a shrunken, wizened, fragile creature, as Carrie Van Deusen King, one-time American woman journalist and dramatic critic, full of vitality, with a keen brain and a vigorous personality.

This shrunken and shadow of womanhood has now only one claim to the attention of her contemporaries: she is the first woman in the world to have a Voronoff monkey gland.

"What made you do it?" Mrs. King was asked; were you ill or in danger of losing your faculties?"

"No I was just crazy, that's all," replied the poor creature in the armchair. "I was in the full glow of life and vitality, physical and mental, and my eyes were bright and sparkling. But I had heard about Dr. Voronoff, and a mad impulse seized me. I think it was just the spirit of adventure."

Just Wanted to See. "I suddenly hit on the idea that I would be the first woman in the world to test this claim for rejuvenation and see if it was really true that the transplantation of the gland of the monkey restored the full vigour of youth to a human being past the prime or what is called the prime."

"Not that I felt old in the slightest degree—on the contrary I felt then, when I was fifty-nine, that I should easily live to be one hundred. I just wanted to see what effects the operation would have, so that I could tell the world of this wonderful discovery which would lead to the rejuvenation of the human race."

"I believed Dr. Voronoff—that was why I had the pluck and confidence to plunge into the adventure. I think even now that he is a wonderful man. I admire him because I think that for animals his process of regeneration may be sound, but for human beings, anyway for women, it is impossible, and as for living to 140—well, what chance have I in this state? I have good reason not to believe in this operation now. Look at me—instead of leaping into youth, I have sunk into physical senility before my time."

Terrible Change. "Well, without any of my friends knowing anything about it, I underwent the operation. I felt all right after it. I did not feel any younger or more vigorous; indeed, I could not, because, as I said, I was youthful and healthy before it. Nor did I feel any adverse effects for a time. But suddenly I began to get old. The face that was formerly taut and sagged."

"Dr. Voronoff operated on me again to cure this, and after that I completely went to pieces. In two years' time I had shrunk into what I am now—I am nearly blind and without physical vitality."

Dr. Voronoff is understood to have assisted Mrs. King financially when she declared that her health was breaking down again, and that she was without means.

LOST TOWN CLERK. THE MYSTERY OF MR. A. W. HARLEY.

Christchurch, Hampshire.—Police searched the beach and carried out dragging operations in an effort to trace Mr. A. W. Harley, town clerk of Christchurch, who, as reported, has been missing.

Mr. Harley's clothes were found on the sands near the lagoon between Highcliffe and Muford nearly 12 hours after he was last seen in Christchurch. With the clothing were Mr. Harley's false teeth, visiting cards, and about 8s. in silver.

The Mayor of Christchurch, Mr. H. J. Martin, said that he saw Mr. Harley driving his motor car in the direction of the town. Mr. Harley waved his hand cheerily. The car was left outside the town hall.

Mr. Harley's relatives and members of the council can suggest no reason for his disappearance. He is known, however, to have been worried lately by a serious motor-car accident to his daughter. He was greatly assisted in his municipal duties by another daughter. Business at the town hall is temporarily held up, as Mr. Harley combined the duties of town clerk and accountant.

For this reason a commission has been appointed to replant a portion of the coast where the sea has gone back, with new pine trees which in time will form a new wood replacing the old which is destined to disappear.

FOR AFRICA.

PRINCE LEAVING IN SEPTEMBER.
OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The "Evening Standard" is requested to state that the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Gloucester, will leave for their tour in East and South Africa during the first week of September, and not in November as announced in some quarters recently.

The statement that the Prince and his brother will make a motor trip from Kenya to the Cape is also inaccurate. They will travel by railway to the Cape, where that is possible, and the motor car will be resorted to where there are no railway facilities.

At St. James's Palace there has been gathered reports on climatic conditions and maps. The Prince has been studying these before making any final or tentative programme.

The party will consist of the Prince and the Duke of Gloucester, three personal servants, one of his secretaries, and three or four friends.

During the tour in Kenya Sir Edward Crigg, the Governor, will be in attendance.

At the end of November the slow journey southward through Rhodesia to Capetown will be begun.

The Royal brothers will reach Cape Town during the third week in December. Christmastide will be spent with the Governor-General, the Earl of Athlone, and the Countess of Athlone.

STRAITS FINANCES.

INCREASING DEMAND FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

The Colonial Secretary, in his 1927 report on the Straits Settlements, says:—At the close of 1926 there was a surplus of \$62½ millions. This was reduced by the end of the year under review to \$61 millions as a result of the year's working. The financial position is therefore sound; but, in view of the fact that the annual recurrent expenditure is over-taking the normal annual revenue, the future is likely to see a steady diminution in the surplus balances, if the increasing demand for large public works is to be satisfied.

In spite of the fall in rubber prices there was little diminution in the activity of the land market and prices of town and suburban lands continued to rise, although agricultural land was not in such demand as in 1926. Considerable areas were acquired, as the purchases for schemes of town improvement approved in 1925 were completed during the year under review, and as large acquisitions were also made for the military authorities.

The revenue for the year 1927 amounted to \$37,602,081, exceeding the estimate by \$2,512,057, whilst the expenditure was \$39,253,272 being \$696,694 less than the estimate. The revenue was \$1,136,868 more than that of 1926, while expenditure was more than the 1926 figure by \$2,297,632. The excess of expenditure over revenue was \$1,651,191 as compared with \$490,427 in 1926.

There was an increase of \$1,436,380 in opium revenue, and the total receipts under "Licences" exceeded the 1926 figure by two hundred and seventy-two thousand. The estate duty collected in 1927 amounted to \$1,668,217 as against \$2,420,769 in 1926.

The increase under pensions, retired allowances, gratuities, etc., is due to commutation of pensions under the Pensions (Gratuities) Ordinance 1926. The increase under education is due to additional appointments of teachers. The larger defence contribution is attributable to the enhanced cost of the Garrison. Co-operative societies and medical, social hygiene branch, are new items of expenditure. The increase under Public Works Department Extraordinary is due to erection of new buildings and other works in Singapore, Malacca and Dindings.

FAMOUS FOREST. TREE THAT DANTE AND BYRON LOVED.

The famous pine-wood of Ravenna, containing the "Pineta," a tree beloved of Dante and Byron, is to be moved nearer the sea, says a British-United Press message from Rome.

Signor Celso Calvetti, Podesta of Ravenna, in a report on the pine-wood, says that "the natural site of the maritime pine is the seashore and if the sea withdraws the pine dies."

For this reason a commission has been appointed to replant a portion of the coast where the sea has gone back, with new pine trees which in time will form a new wood replacing the old which is destined to disappear.

LOVELY MADELEINE.

VERY MASCULINE "SPIRIT."
FRENCH FARCE.

Paris, June 18. How the "spirit" of a beautiful young girl proved to be a man is told in "Le Journal" to-day by two reporters who attended a seance at Nantes.

The journalists received an invitation to attend a seance at the house of two Spiritualists who are said to be well-known to the Spiritualist community throughout the world—M. and Madame Alexandre. About 20 other people were present at the seance, at which the medium was a gardener named Blaise.

The first spirit that appeared was that of a former resident in the house, who died in 1911. This spirit performed the usual miracles associated with Spiritualist seances, and then gave way to the spirit of "Madeleine"—a beautiful young girl.

"Madeleine" tripped into the darkened room clothed in a white garment of filmy gauze. Too filmy, in fact, for beneath the gauze the reporters could see a pair of braces! The braces were gripped by the reporters, who found that the wearer was the gardener-medium.

Then came the astonishing part of the adventure. The anger of the audience was vented not on the medium or his sponsors, but on the reporters, who were belaboured by the audience, and had to fight their way out of the house, escaping only with blackened eyes and bruised bodies.

The seances have been conducted since 1922, and although they have been attended by well-known Spiritualists, as well as a large number of sceptics there has never been before any doubt expressed as to the genuineness of the manifestations.

MRS. PACE. DRAMATIC MEETING AFTER THE TRIAL.

London, July 8. A dramatic meeting took place between Mrs. Pace and her brother-in-law, Elton Pace, who was a prominent witness for the prosecution at the murder trial.

The latter was working in a stone quarry near by, when Mrs. Pace returned to her home to find the orchard overgrown with weeds, the windows of the house broken, and pieces of stone removed by morbid sightseers as souvenirs.

Mrs. Pace, seeing Elton Pace, smiled and nodded, but Elton, leaning on his pick, looked stonily at his brother's widow, then resumed work.

Mrs. Pace wiped away her tears, re-entered the car and drove off. "Aye," said Elton, "she did a bit of smiling, but I have no smiles for her."

Big Offer for Life Story. Mrs. Pace has been offered a large sum for rights of publication of her life story.

Her solicitor states that thousands of letters and telegrams have reached her from all parts of the world, many giving authentic examples of arsenical poisoning contracted while dipping sheep in an arsenical preparation.

There have also been an extraordinary number of letters from medical men, some of considerable repute, supplying information on many scientific questions which would have had to be discussed fully had the case for the defence been opened.

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VITAL STATISTICS.

HIGHEST DEATH RATE FOR EIGHT YEARS.

IN STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

The number of births registered in the Straits Settlements during the year was 37,233 and the number of deaths 35,504, records the 1927 report on the Colony. The driest months during 1927 were from June to September, when the drought was responsible for a large number of deaths from malaria, pneumonia and among infants.

The percentage of males born was 51.33. The highest birth-rate by nationalities was 58.28 per thousand amongst Chinese.

The infantile mortality (deaths of children under one year) was 214.14 per thousand births as against 265.47 in 1926 and 184.62 in 1925.

The crude death-rate, 33.55 per thousand as against 31.81, was the highest since 1918. The average for the last ten years is 32.01. The death-rate for 1925, 27.26 per thousand, was the lowest on record.

Malaria was responsible for 6,296 deaths as against 6,462 in 1926, while fever unclassified accounted for 1,983 deaths as against 2,662 in the previous year. The prevalence of malaria was due to deficient rainfall, which left many arapheline breeding grounds unflushed, enabling the larvae to come to maturity.

The highest death-rate in any month was 36.67 in July. With the advent of the rains in September the death-rate dropped to 32.32 and then to 30.04 in the last two months of the year.

Two thousand nine hundred and fifty-two deaths were due to tuberculosis as against 2,690 in the previous year. Pneumonia caused 2,690 deaths as against 2,668 in 1926. Only 198 deaths were recorded as due to influenza. Beriberi accounted for 1,531 deaths as against 1,098, 957 and 904 in the years 1926, 1925 and 1924. Dysentery caused 1,111 deaths.

Quarantine Work.

One thousand five hundred and sixty-eight visits were paid to ships in Singapore and 998 visits to ships in Penang, by Port Health Officers, who examined 1,010,249 persons. One hundred and nine thousand and eighteen persons were retained under observation in the two quarantine stations, mostly for short periods.

The number of persons from ships treated for infectious diseases in the Singapore quarantine station was 15 for cholera, 19 for small-pox, and 11 for cerebro-spinal fever; in Penang 42 for cholera and 11 for small-pox.

The sum of \$226,090.14 was spent on anti-mosquito and anti-malarial measures in a general reduction of all harmful mosquitoes. Many areas formerly malarious are becoming free from this disease. The chief item of expenditure has been drainage.

In Singapore a travelling motor dispensary started work in May and treated 15,652 cases.

The total number of lepers treated in the Leprosy Asylum was 1,112 and the total deaths 143, as against 1,022 treated and 131 deaths in 1926. With the continuance of modern treatment, the death-rate has been halved since 1920.

YELLOW FEVER.

BRITISH DOCTOR'S NEW VACCINE.

Dr. Edward Hindle, one of the foremost authorities in England on tropical diseases, has discovered a vaccine which is claimed to be certain protection against yellow fever.

The Rockefeller Research Mission had already discovered that monkeys, if inoculated with the yellow fever virus, died within four or five days.

Dr. Hindle, using this information as a basis for experiments, set to work at the Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research and other laboratories, and has now discovered a vaccine which is stated to protect monkeys absolutely from any possibility of infection.

The "Daily Express" understands that the Colonial Office attaches the greatest possible importance to the discovery, and that as soon as circumstances permit the vaccine will be applied to human beings, both European and native, in West Africa.

Dr. Hindle will shortly go to West Africa to study the results of the treatment, and he will be one of the first to be vaccinated, after which he will run all kinds of risks—if there should still be a risk—of contracting yellow fever.

Who said Mr. Churchill is not a very astute politician? He is the greatest stunner of all—Miss Megan Lloyd George.

LIGHT ON MARS.

SURFACE CHANGES IN TWO YEARS.

THE "POLAR CAPS."

Some of the most remarkable observations of the planets which have ever been made were described to the Royal Astronomical Society by Dr. W. H. Wright, of the Lick Observatory, California, in delivering the annual George Darwin lecture. The method which has been used is to photograph the planets in light of different colours by the suitable use of colour filters, and to compare the results.

By such means it has been demonstrated, among other things, that Mars has an atmosphere whose height may be given tentatively as about 120 miles, in which meteorological changes take place similar to those of the Earth. The method is capable, on further development, of giving much more important evidence on the much-discussed question of the habitability of Mars than any yet obtained.

Photographs of the planet in ultra-violet and in red light differ greatly in appearance, chiefly in the fact that the latter show much more detail than the former. The explanation is readily obtained by photographing distant landscapes on the Earth in the respective colours. It is then seen that a similar effect is obtained, because our atmosphere is much more transparent to red than to violet and ultra-violet; in other words, we can penetrate much more deeply by red than by ultra-violet light.

In the case of the planets, the difference between the two photographs can therefore be attributed to the existence of planetary atmospheres. That the effect is more than can be accounted for by our own atmosphere is shown by repeating the observations on the moon, which has no atmosphere of its own. It is then found that the difference between the photographs is very much smaller than that which characterises the planetary photographs. The conclusion is that the red light shows the surface of the planet, whereas the ultra-violet light shows its atmosphere, since ultra-violet light from the surface would be absorbed before reaching the Earth.

Partly Atmospheric.

Mars has two "polar caps," which have been held to be formed of snow, and for the distribution of which over the planet the so-called canals have been said, by advocates of the habitation theory, to have been constructed. The new photographs show conclusively that these caps are at least partly atmospheric. They appear to be precipitated in the atmosphere from much larger clouds, of which the Martian atmosphere contains many, and which in general undergo irregular changes similar to those of terrestrial clouds. Dr. Wright is not convinced, however, that they are formed of water-drops, like our clouds, and is, in fact, rather inclined to the contrary opinion.

The atmosphere of Mars is not so clear as ours; measurements indicate that it is at least twice as obscure. The surface features of the planet have undergone marked changes in a period of two years, but it is not possible at present to determine the cause of this.

Similar observations of other planets have been made, with very interesting results. Possible indications of a hitherto unknown fourth ring of the planet Saturn have been obtained, but further observations, which cannot be made until seven years hence, are necessary to settle the question.

With consummate skill and industry Dr. Wright has prepared a cinematograph film showing the planet Jupiter in rotation—of course, at a greatly accelerated speed. This was exhibited to the audience, and evoked loud applause.

The new method of investigation is the most important advance in the study of the planets which has been made for many years, and has already thrown an entirely new light on many long-standing problems.

SINGAPORE FORESTS.

GRADUAL INVASION OF THE RESERVES.

During the year 1927, 883 acres at Seletar Reserve, 352½ acres at Changi Reserve, 639 acres at Pandan Reserve and 100 acres at Bukit Timah Reserve were allotted to squatters on temporary permits for the cultivation of vegetables. All that part of Changi Forest Reserve, north of a line running directly east from the mouth of Sungai Selatany, was handed over to the military authorities for the Naval Base. The working schemes of the Malacca and Dindings forests are still under consideration.

OLD D.O.R.A.

THE STOCKS FOR KISSING HIS WIFE.

OLD "BLUE" LAWS.

New light is thrown on the astonishing old "blue" laws, enacted by the Puritans to enact a decorous observance of the Sabbath, by the discovery at Portland, Maine, of records of fines and penalties imposed in New England.

Some of these seventeenth century punishments would put even the twentieth century London "Dora" to shame.

A soldier in the town of Dunstable, for example, wet a piece of an old felt hat and put it in his boot in order to ease his foot.

His neighbour saw and reported this piece of "heavy work" perfoliated on the Lord's Day, and the offender, the town records show, was compelled to pay a fine of forty shillings for the offence.

"Lewd Behaviour."

A man who drove cows "without need" on the Sabbath in Plymouth, Massachusetts, was given a seat in the stocks, and a New London fisherman was fined merely for sailing his boat.

Then there was a Captain Kemble, who, in 1655, so far forgot himself as to indulge in "lewd and unseemly behaviour."

This consisted of kissing his wife "publicly" on the Sabbath on the doorstep of his own house when he returned from a three years' voyage.

He was ordered to sit in the stocks for two hours for this offence.

It is interesting to learn from the records that even Puritan women were sometimes human enough to lose their tempers.

"Sin" Acknowledged.

It is recorded, for example, that Goody Gregory, who lived in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1640, became so annoyed by a neighbour's taunts that she finally retorted, "Before God, I could break thy head!"

Mistress Gregory acknowledged her "great sin and fault" at the trial which followed, but this did not save her from a substantial fine and a session in the stocks.

STRANGE PARTY.

FLYING ACE ENTERTAINS FORMER ENEMIES.

Colonel Bishop, V.C., gave a dinner in London recently to eight famous German airmen, including some with whom he had bitter air duels during the war.

It was surely the strangest party ever held in London. Sitting in evening dress and placidly smoking cigars, the former enemies recalled their war experiences. They recounted, like sportsmen describing famous battles, the number of enemy machines to their credit.

"No one spoke boastfully, however," records the "Daily Mail," "but with professional interest." Colonel Bishop confessed to no fewer than 72, which is the largest number officially credited to any British pilot. The best record among the Germans was 36 by Captain Bolle, leader of the famous Boelcke squadron.

"Capt. Bolle, jovial, fresh-coloured, clean-shaven, and with a youthful air seemed to find a great bond of friendship in the fact that he and Bishop could almost definitely identify the fight they had together," says the "Daily Mail."

"It was over Ypres in 1917," Bolle told an interviewer afterwards. "We recalled the whole incident."

The celebrated Captain Frommherz, who brought down 33 Allied planes, was also present. During the War he was one of the best known German night-bombers and frequently raided Paris. The party afterwards saw the film "Wings" which depicts with terrifying realism air fights between German and American pilots.

MRS. BESANT.

BELIEF IN DOMINION STATUS FOR INDIA.

London, July 1. Speaking extempore for an hour and a half, at the Queen's Hall, Mrs. Annie Besant mentioned that she had recently travelled in 12 countries and had delivered 51 lectures in three weeks.

Referring to conditions in India, Mrs. Besant said: "Many States in India are ahead of us in education. Girls, for example, are not allowed to be married before they are 18, and boys before they are 18, or sometimes 21."

She declared that there was a growing demand in India to be in a position to be a self governing Dominion. She hoped and believed that the goal might be attained in peace rather than by means of struggle.

INDIAN PRINCE.

RICH MAN WHO COULD NOT BRING HIS JEWELS.

IN LONDON.

The Maharajah of Patiala, who has just arrived in England, is one of the richest men in India.

He is never seen in the magnificence of his wonderful jewels in this country, however, for they are hereditary jewels, the possession of the State, and only leave it occasionally when the Maharajah attends a vice-regal function at Delhi.

"Of them all," said a State official to an "Evening News" correspondent, "the most historic is the Lausi diamond, which was named after its owner, who swallowed it before he was killed at the time of the French Revolution. The stone was buried with him, but his family—knowing that Lausi would never have allowed the jewel to be taken from him, disinterred the body and recovered the jewel."

"It was bought from the French Republic by the Maharajah's great-grandfather."

"The Maharajah wears English dress while in this country, except when he goes to Court. In deference to the King's wish he will then wear Indian Court dress—a long coat, either black or coloured, and tight white trousers with patent shoes."

"The Maharajah always wears a turban, even with English dress, because, being a Sikh, his hair is long and knotted on top and a hat would not be so comfortable."

Good Linguist.

"The Maharajah speaks good English. All the debates in the Chamber of Princes—of which he is Chancellor—are conducted in English. Like the other Indian princes, he is highly educated, and so far as his responsibilities permit, lives the life of a country gentleman at Patiala. He has several country houses and is a famous shot."

The Maharajah is coming to England in simple fashion on this visit, which is chiefly for the business of stating the case of the Indian State rulers, with eight other princes, before the Indian States Enquiry Committee. He is accompanied by a military secretary and two A.D.C.s.

Mr. Rushbrook Williams, his Foreign Minister, a well-known British literary man, preceded him to London. The Maharajah, who is coming a little later to England, will bring a lady-in-waiting and a maid.

On his last visit in 1925 the Maharajah had a suite of nine people and occupied twelve rooms at the Savoy Hotel.

European Officials. The Maharajah has 15 European officers in Patiala, including doctors, engineers, and officers lent from the Indian Army.

Many of the Indian princes find it of material advantage to have a British Minister in their Cabinet because they have so many relations with the Government of India and with the Provincial Governments whose territory joins their own.

The Maharajah, like the other Indian princes, does not observe strict Purdah when in England. She does not, however, attend social functions, but she goes shopping occasionally.

Every Monday morning I have a long parade of women complaining about their husbands, but never a husband complaining about his wife.—Mr. J. A. R. Cairns (Thames Court Magistrate).

DUTCH EAST INDIES.

BILL DEALING WITH CHANGES OF CONSTITUTION.

IN PARLIAMENT.

A Bill has been laid before Parliament providing for the amendment of the Constitution of the Dutch East Indies.

In its present form the Volksraad consists of a President, appointed by the Government, and 30 members, of whom 30 are Dutch, 25 natives, and five members of the Chinese and other groups. The Government now proposes to change these proportions to 25 Dutch, 30 natives, and five other members, the President being appointed as hitherto by the Government. It is intended that 15, 20 and three members respectively of the three groups shall be elected, and the remainder appointed by the Government.

Existing Difficulties.

In an explanatory memorandum the Government states that the changes in the composition of the Volksraad introduced by the amendments which the Second Chamber made to the Government's proposals of 1923 had caused difficulties, if only in regard to the appointment of members. The Government regarded as even more serious the fact that the composition introduced by the amendment had caused dissatisfaction among the native population. It was just those sections of the population that were prepared to collaborate with the Government which were disappointed.

Dutchmen in the Volksraad expressed a similar opinion, and the Minister identified himself with the objections raised in the Dutch East Indies. Although the amended plan for the composition of the Volksraad could not come into force until 1931, the Minister held it to be necessary to meet those objections at once. For the present the Minister is not prepared to concede to the wish expressed in a motion of the Volksraad for an extension of the number of members.

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HIGHLAND 'BATTLE.'

TROOPS LANDED FROM WARSHIPS.

BEACH LANDING.

H.M.S. "Hood," June 12. In accordance with the plan of Landing 550 Cameron Highlanders and 800 Royal Marines near Nairn, the battle-cruisers "Hood," "Renown," and "Repulse" arrived at Dornoch Firth at 9.30 last night.

A proportion of the troops were transferred to destroyers and all the ships proceeded to an anchorage off Nairn, arriving at 1.40 a.m. to-day.

After a feint attack by destroyers the troops landed on an open beach in ships' boats in face of opposition by the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch and the 6th (Territorial) Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders. The first lot landed at 2.30, the last lot, at 4. The weather was fine and the sea calm, but very cold. There was a ground frost and snow on the distant mountains. The landing cannot have been a surprise for it was twilight all night and the ships were silhouetted against a yellow glow to northward during their approach. Naval beach parties assisted for the landing and for observation of the ships' gunfire, temporary wireless stations being established. Aeroplanes from the "Furious" were used for bombing.

The landing was not considered likely to be successful in war as the boats were in full view long before the beach was reached, and grounded some way out. It afforded, however, an excellent example of successful staff work, a most useful and interesting experience for all concerned, and a particularly welcome opportunity for Naval and Army co-operation. The operations concluded at 6 a.m. and the naval parties embarked.

COLOMBO RENTS.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING SCHEMES SUGGESTED.

The serious situation created by the delay in tackling the housing problem in Colombo was raised in the City Council recently, and the Council decided to refer the question to the Housing and Town Improvement Committee for consideration of, and to report on, a possible solution of the problem on the following lines:—

(a) The formulation of a scheme for building tenements and small houses by the Municipality with the help of Government on suitable unbuilt on areas available at present.

(b) The Municipal Council to house its own labour, as Government proposes to do, and, if possible, to compel other employers of large labour forces to do likewise.

(c) The Housing Ordinance to be amended with a view to relaxing those rules and regulations which now hamper building.

(d) Government to be requested to grant facilities to employees in Colombo who reside in the suburbs.

(e) The desirability of imposing some sort of Rent Control, pending the materialisation of one or more of the above schemes.

(f) The taxation of undeveloped land on its capital value so that it may be an indirect means of bringing pressure on land-owners to erect building on such undeveloped land.

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GARDEN PARTY.

POLO AT RANELAGH FOR PRINCES' CUP.

2,000 PRESENT.

London, June 2. At Ranelagh, the Indian Empire garden party was held in perfect weather. There were 2,000 distinguished persons present including the King and Queen, Maharajahs of Burdwan, Kasal and Baroda and the Nawabs of Palampur and Cambay, Earl Countess of Birkenhead and Countess of Reading.

The polo match for a cup sent by the Indian Princes, sited in the Artillery beating dila by 13 goals to 5.

The teams were:— Artillery Regimental team: Fowler, Captains H. Morrison, Campbell and C. Alfrey (back India: H. Weber, J. Sandes, Captain Broadfoot and Major Anderson (back).

There were six chukkers, the interval the Artillery leading by 5 goals to 3. The gunners were well mounted and showed fine team work. Fowler was brilliant and scored 8 goals, while Sanderson scored 3.

MALAYAN SOIL.

SYSTEMATIC INVESTIGATION NOW BEGUN.

In addition to the work on padi soils, a thorough study of Malayan soils in general has been begun, says the Colonial Secretary (Sir Haynes Marriott), in his 1927 report. No systematic investigations of soil problems in Malaya, or indeed in the majority of tropical countries, have hitherto been carried out. Reliable information concerning soils in the tropics, comparable with that available in respect of soils in temperate countries, is now generally regarded as of primary importance to the development of tropical agriculture throughout the Empire, more especially because it is as yet very uncertain to what extent knowledge of soils gained in temperate countries will apply under tropical conditions. The first necessity appeared to be to establish what soil types exist in Malaya, and what relation these types bear to the underlying parent material. A satisfactory commencement has been made in the study of this problem.

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JAPAN'S THEATRE.

THE CLASSICAL AND THE MODERN TRADITION.

ICHIMURA IN LONDON.

[By Uzaemon Ichimura.]

Mr. Ichimura, the writer of this article, ranks high among the half-dozen leading actors in Japan. This, purely a pleasure trip, is his visit to London. He hopes, however, to return in the autumn of next year with the view of appearing at a West-end theatre in a selection of native plays.

There are two kinds of theatres in Japan, the modern school and the classical Kabuki. Those who belong to the former sprang originally from among a student class without Eastern experience during the reign of the Meiji Emperor some 45 years ago. The Kabuki theatre dates back to the dim period of old feudalism, its actors being hereditary, descending from father to son.

Generally speaking, the modern drama in my country endeavours to give realistic portraiture of the present life of the land; and the Kabuki theatre strives to maintain the historical, while aiming at a traditional aesthetic. Still in this theatre an actor must be an adept at such minor arts of the stage as fencing and the use of weapons, dancing, ceremonial and comedy, and such adjuncts to dramatic expressions as are found, I believe, in all the early professional theatres of most civilisations. Even before I was first commanded to appear before the august presence of Meiji Tennoh when I was 12 years old I had to undergo very severe instruction in all such matters from my father. For I belong to the Kabuki theatre, the very name of Uzaemon I inherited was first made famous by one of my great forefathers 15 generations ago.

THE KABUKI THEATRE.

The Kabuki theatre presents historical and traditional dramas in the old way, but by this I do not mean that it is stereotype or entirely rigid in its conventions. The individual actor has the same scope and freedom as any artist working within the conventions of his chosen art and the materials of his choice.

Any untrained student with some regard for mimicry can become an actor of sorts in the modern Japanese theatre, the ideal there being to be merely naturalistic and not necessarily aesthetic. But to me it seems that Art—which is not Nature, as our great painters helped, as their works became known, to teach Europe in recent years—must be the result of a tradition, a convention, a hereditary school.

I am looking forward to a time when our Kabuki theatre will be presented to European eyes; and hope our actors may contribute something to the theatrical arts of the West, even as our old masters

of pictorial art have to your painting. Whether it be hereditary or psychic, the moment I am on the stage to act some important part in an historical drama or otherwise I seem to get the sudden impulse of how to act that particular part without remembering the severe training I share with my ancestors; and this I cannot instill, graft, or expound to my pupils and understudies. What part heredity plays in Art it is beyond me to say. But it is surely admitted that in most cases the world's greatest artists and craftsmen of all ages have sprung from a line of artists.

Although we have women actors in Japan (they belong to the modern theatre, as in the "Teikoku-Gekijoh"—Imperial Theatre, Tokyo); in the classical Kabuki Theatre there are no actresses, as I am told was the case in your Shakespearean period. The parts of women are taken by men. I personally frequently play a lady's part, in addition to the many Samurai characters and others I impersonate.

FIVE OR SIX HOURS.

In my country our plays, whether of the modern or of the old school, last from four o'clock in the afternoon till about ten in the evening—from five to six hours, with two twenty minutes' intervals for meals and many five minutes' intervals for rest. One point in particular in connection with our Japanese theatres will interest the Western readers. That is, apart from the regular compulsory education in Nippon, the masses receive from time to time a good deal of invaluable teaching in humanity, fortitude, loyalty, patriotism, and love of beauty at the theatre, especially from the historical plays which inculcate the principles of Bushido. The high ideals and ethics of Bushido, Buddhism, Confucianism, etc., applied to our everyday life have great appeals to the Japanese imagination, while being thoroughly entertained, they derive, consciously or unconsciously, an immense amount of edification; and thus imbibe the best and the noblest spirit of Bushido and other teachings even in the midst of joy and laughter.

Since I left home last March for my world pleasure trip I have seen some of the theatres of America, France and now here in your wonderful, yet peaceful, England. Also I hope to see something of the other European theatres before I return to the Far East. The first thing I have noticed is that the plays in all these theatres are short. As we in Japan admire everything Western, whether in art, literature, philosophy, science, and military and naval prowess, I hope to introduce your shorter hours for plays to Japanese audience. . . . but not the—too prevalent vulgarity I noticed in certain theatres across the pond; a feature not entirely absent from the Paris stage. I recall with very great pleasure a splendid performance I witnessed the other day of "Richard III." at Stratford-on-Avon; and I learned many a valuable hint from "S.O.S." at your St. James's Theatre.

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SHAKESPEARE IN JAPAN.

We have Shakespeare, almost complete, translated into Japanese, and his plays have been frequently performed in my country during the last thirty years.

I have seen many shows in London during my stay, and I hope to see many more before I leave. One thing I have noticed: I see London more refined in her theatres than either New York or Paris. But, of course, there is much rubbish in any country on the stage, even London unexcepted—possibly she imports too freely—and does not exhibit enough of her native talents.

I very much wish to take with me some of the London plays with a view to producing them on the Japanese stage, in our native costumes and according to Kabuki traditions; also an intention of mine is shortly to bring over to London a company of artists who will exhibit to London eyes our old traditional, hereditary art in its characteristic forms. A programme evoking tears and laughter from the audience—a performance commencing with an historical episode such as "Kubi-Jikken." The Examination of the Prince's Head (one of the most dramatic episodes of my own family, English adaptation in "Fuli from Hampstead Heath," entitled "The Samurai's Sacrifice"), and followed with a light comedy such as "Ren-Jisi," with plenty of dancing and music and a genuine Japanese orchestra.

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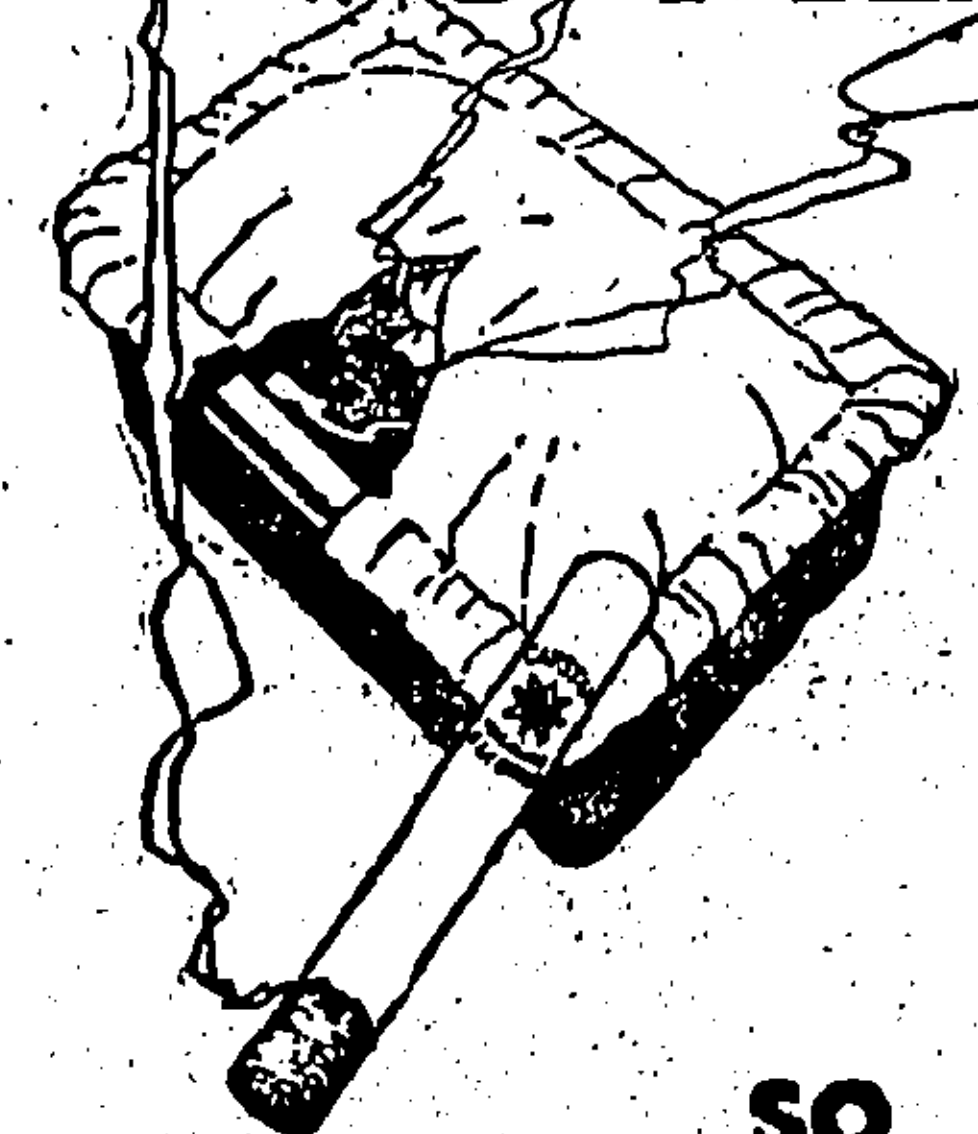
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Japan	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1.	
Japan	FRIDAY, AUGUST 3.	Arafura
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Madison	
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.		
Australia and Manila	Tanda	

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	MONDAY, JULY 30.	Per
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Parcels 8 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.	Pres. Lincoln
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 22nd Aug. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		Pres. Lincoln
Tourane	Chung King	3.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Kwangtung	4.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	4.30 p.m.
Formosa	Moroka Maru	4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Sun Kong	5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Hailphong	Hanoi	5 p.m.
Amoy	Sunning	5 p.m.
	TUESDAY, JULY 31.	
Hoihow and Hailphong	Borneo	8.30 a.m.
Formosa	Tatsu Maru	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Chenonceaux	12.30 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 31st Sept. K.P.O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.		Paul Lecat
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Haiyang	2 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Huichow	2 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Canada	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Chinkiang	6 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1.	
Swatow	Hangsang	10.30 a.m.
	THURSDAY, AUGUST 2.	
Hoihow and Hailphong	Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.
Straita	Van Heutz	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Chenan	12.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

GREAT BRITAIN'S PARLIAMENT.

A CHANGE.

SESSION TO BE PROROGUED NEXT FRIDAY.

FIFTH AND LAST.

London, Yesterday. The usual practice of Parliament rising for the Summer recess, by adjournment and re-summing session in Autumn, will be changed this year and on Friday next the Session will be brought to an end by prorogation.

The new session, which is the fifth, will be the last of the present Parliament, and will be opened in November instead of February. There will be a short recess at Christmas.

Unless Parliament is dissolved at an earlier date the new session will be prorogued on August of next year.

If this change proves generally acceptable, it will be regularly followed in future.—British Wireless Service.

MONEY FOR EGGS.

CLAIM AGAINST THE CAFE PAVILION.

INSTALMENTS REFUSED.

Judgment for a claim of \$442 and costs was given for the Luen Hing firm, egg dealers, No. 1 Wing Shing-street, against the Cafe Pavilion, No. 96, Nathan-road, Kowloon, in the Summary Court by the Paine Judge (Mr. Justice P. Jacks) this morning.

Plaintiffs were represented by Mr. Horace Lo. Defendants were not present nor legally represented.

The statement of claim made out that eggs valued at \$656 had been supplied between April 2 and May 14. Defendants had replied to a request for payment, said Mr. Lo, enclosing \$100 payment on account and asking for settlement by instalments. Plaintiffs refused the terms offered.

On his Lordship asking who were the partners, Mr. Lo said that he did not know but Mr. J. Vidoro, he added, had acknowledged receipt of the goods on behalf of the firm.

Other than the \$100, another \$114 had been repaid, leaving a balance of \$442—the amount of the claim.

Defendants had been legally represented at an earlier stage of the proceedings.

RICE PUDDING.

ALARMING EFFECTS UPON A FAMILY.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

A mysterious case occurred yesterday afternoon when a woman named Lum Ah-kin, living at No. 8, Lai On-lane, 1st floor, Saiyungun, and her two daughters and one son were showed signs of poisoning after partaking of rice pudding.

According to a Chinese report, the woman cooked the pudding with sugar and other ingredients but, after eating it, she and her children all felt dizzy. They vomited unceasingly and were unable to speak.

The case was reported to the police and the victims were immediately removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where they improved considerably.

A FATALITY.

EARLY MORNING MOTOR COLLISION.

A motor accident occurred, at 2.30 yesterday morning in Connaught-road West near the Taihing wharf, when public motor-car No. 368 knocked down a 70-year-old boatman who was crossing the road in front of the car. In swerving to avoid colliding with the boatman, the car collided with taxi No. 465, going in the opposite direction, both vehicles being damaged. The boatman, who was seriously injured, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where he died at 4 o'clock the same morning. The driver of the public car, Au Yui, is now detained by the police.

RAILWAY STRIKES IN INDIA.

ALMOST ENDED.

STATEMENT BY AGENT OF S. INDIAN RAILWAY.

DAMAGE TO SIGNALS.

Trichinopoly, Yesterday. The agent of the South Indian Railway states that the general strike may be considered terminated with the exception of the Indian drivers and firemen in the Trichinopoly-Madura service narrow gauge section, where it is extending, but the service only operates in the daytime owing to damage to signals. Traffic is practically normal on the broad gauge.

[A telegram from Madras, dated July 25, after pointing out that a message from Trichinopoly stated that the president of the Railway Strike Committee, Mr. Krishnaswamy Pillai had been arrested, observed that the situation was much quieter and that a number of unskilled workers were reported to be resuming work in many places.]

ON THE HIGH SEAS.

ALLEGED MURDER CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

The case in which a young assistant cook, of the s.s. "Perla", is charged with alleged murder on the high seas, off Manila, of the ship's cook, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning. In asking for permission to withdraw the charge, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney General, said that the prosecution was faced with difficulty in that no autopsy was held after the affair and there was nothing to show that the man, who was taken ashore at Manila, was the person who died in hospital. Counsel explained that from the time the cook was taken ashore no one on the ship had seen him again either dead or alive. The Magistrate discharged the accused.

MISSING LAUNCH.

ANXIETY FELT AS TO THE "PING PO."

MUCH OVERDUE.

Leung Wing-chi, owner of the steam launch "Ping Po," reported to the Water Police yesterday that on July 24 the launch was hired by the Kung On Company of Bonham-strand to tow two rice junks (Nos. T-4127-H and T-2423-H) to the Taishan Customs House. The launch left on the voyage at 4 p.m. on the 24th and has not returned. As the journey to and from Taishan takes only two days, Leung is anxious about its absence.

When it left Hong Kong the launch had a crew of 10 men on board.

The value of the launch is placed at \$10,000.

WITHOUT A LICENCE.

PLUCKING TAIPO-ROAD TREES FOR HERBS.

"It appears as though the defendant plucked the leaves off trees planted along the Tai-po-road" remarked Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The question arose in a case in which a Chinese was charged with (a) unlawfully obtaining without permission, a quantity of leaves and herbs, and (b) hawking the same without a licence.

Defendant stated that he had obtained the herbs from villages near Tai-po. He did not know the names of the villages.

Yesterday the defendant was arrested in Wuhu-street, Hunghom, by an Indian constable, who stated that he saw defendant make a sale of eight bundles of herbs for which he received 8 cents. Asked by the constable if he had a licence accused answered in the negative and was arrested.

Sub-Inspector James, who was in charge of the case, said that the defendant was searched in the charge room, but not a cent was found in his possession, but 8 cents were found in one of defendant's baskets among the herbs. Defendant was fined \$5 or 7 days.

HOME RAILWAY AGREEMENT.

CONGRATULATIONS.

THE "SOUND COMMON-SENSE" PRAISED BY PRESS.

NEW PRINCIPLE.

London, Yesterday. All the parties to the railway agreement, which was reached as a result of direct negotiations between the Railway Company managers and the Railwaymen's Unions on Friday, are congratulated by the Press for the sound common-sense shown in accepting the agreement which involves small temporary all-round reductions in wages and salaries of all grades of workers and railway directors.

It is stated that there will be a reduction of between two million and three million pounds annually on the total wages bill of one hundred million pounds.

In the great Railway centres of Crewe and Derby the settlement is generally welcomed.

"The Observer" says the agreement will take a distinctive place in the history of industrial negotiations and settlements. It is regarded as establishing a new principle that if workers are called on to accept an adverse modification of their conditions, they are entitled to ask that every one engaged in the enterprise shall come within the scope of such concessions.—British Wireless Service.

THAMES BLAZE.

GREATEST RIVER FIRE FOR YEARS.

"OVER-HEATED PEANUTS."

London, Saturday. Overheated peanuts are believed to have been the cause of the greatest river fire for years, at the century-old, six-storey wharf occupied by Messrs. Chambers in the waterways of the Thames. It is in the danger-zone of the Tooley-street Dock area, and was stocked with grain, peanuts, and desiccated coconut.

The fire started yesterday evening, the flames leaping 100 feet. Two hundred firemen from various parts of London battled all night long and thousands of sight-seers thronged the London Bridge and Tower Bridge on both sides of the river.

The new monitor "Beta Third" shot water at the rate of 1,500 gallons per minute. The fire was not controlled until eight o'clock in the morning.—Reuter.

"ITALIA'S" CREW.

EN ROUTE FOR ITALY.

Stockholm, Saturday. The "Italia's" crew and the Swedish Rescue Expedition arrived at the railway junction near here.

The former's car was uncoupled and continued its journey.

The latter arrived in Stockholm and were very warmly welcomed at the station by the Minister of Defence, while a large crowd lined the street and heartily cheered.—Reuter.

TEX RICKARD'S LOSS.

New York, Saturday. G.\$166,000 is the official estimate of the loss on the big fight.

Mr. Tex Rickard blames broadcasting and says that never more will be sponsor a bout which is broadcast.—Reuter's American Service.

London, Yesterday.—Yesterday, in celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of the first Boy Scout Camp, which was held during the last week of July and the first week of August, 1907, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Chief Scout, entertained all the available members of the first Boy Scout troop.—British Wireless Service.

London, Saturday.—The vote of the Wesleyan Pastoral Session has yielded the requisite 75 per cent. majority in favour of Methodist union.—Reuter.

Bukharest, Saturday.—The Chamber and the Senate has approved of the Government's financial measures.—Reuter.

RICHARD DIX



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